

A-Tech student wins scholarship to KSU's College of Business Administration

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JEFFERSON — Bree Zalar, a senior from Jefferson High School enrolled in the Business & Marketing Management program at Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus (A-Tech), helped her team to a first place finish in competition at Kent State University's Young Business Scholars Program garnering a \$1,000 scholarship to study Business Administration at the university's main campus.

The Young Business Scholars program is a five day program for students considering careers in business sponsored by KSU's College of Business Administration. Admission to the program is highly selective, limited to twenty five students, and is designed to immerse participants in realistic business simulations, to foster entrepreneurship and to provide an introduction to life on a college campus. During the week, young scholars work in teams to conceptualize a small business, create a business plan and design the startup, finally evaluating the viability of the business.

"This was such a valuable experience," said Zalar. "I would recommend this pro-



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BREE ZALAR is pictured with A-Tech Business and Marketing Management Instructor, Gerry Allen. Zalar is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship to study Business Administration at Kent State University.

gram to any student who is interested in studying business. Each day, we would have two to three classes instructed by actual professors from the College of Business. We were grouped into teams and each had a coach who was a managerial marketing major. Each group had to come up with a restaurant and decide on its name, cuisine, location — all the things that tie into the business aspect of a restaurant. The last day we gave our presentations in front of a panel of judges. We were scored on creativity, how well we spoke, and completeness. A thousand dollar scholarship was awarded to each individual from the winning group, which just so happened to be mine! It was a great experience, and I would encourage anyone and everyone to go. The professors were all so very kind, and knowledgeable. Because of this experience I plan on attending KSU in the Fall of 2012."

A-Tech's Business and Marketing Management Program is open to seniors at participating high schools and is designed to prepare students for the rigors of college coursework. The hybrid program is comprised of scheduled class time as well as broad spectrum internship and job shadowing opportuni-

ties. For additional information contact A-Tech at 440.576.6015.

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Oil & Gas meeting to be held Tuesday

ORWELL — Oil and gas companies have been steadily moving from the southeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania regions in search of more natural resources and acreage and their search has led them to Ashtabula county.

Ashtabula County Farm Bureau along with OSU Extension and Soil and Water Conservation District will sponsor an informational Oil and Gas meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Hall on 103 N. Maple Street in Orwell. The meeting will feature Dale Arnold, Director of Energy Policy at the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

Seating is limited and light refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

RSVP to the Ashtabula County Farm Bureau Office by email at nefarmbu@fairpoint.net or by phone at 800-410-4613

For more information on the Ashtabula County Farm Bureau or the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, please visit the website www.ashtabulafb.org, call the local Ashtabula County Farm Bureau office at 800-410-4613, or e-mail at nefarmbu@fairpoint.net.

Wellness & Total Learning Center announces its schedule of events

WEDNESDAY — 7:15 P.M.
MYSTICAL COUNCIL SHIFTING GAIA AND HUMANITY (MOVIE AND DISCUSSION) WITH CINDY FISH
Shifting our physical reality and restoring Lemuria and Atlantis. Gaia's Transformation: Water, Land and Sky. Light Body Activation: New Chakras & Colors, Meridians, Nervous Systems, DNA, Playing Out the Geopolitical and Financial Scenarios.

THURSDAY — 2 P.M.
FEE: \$15
EXPRESSIONS IN ACRYLIC MINIMUM 4 / MAXIMUM 8 WITH CYNTHIA ZIEGLER
In these classes Cynthia will provide the instruction — frameable painting guaranteed! Anybody can paint. Anybody can produce a work of art. All they need is desire and faith in themselves.

THURSDAY — 7:15 P.M.
SUGGESTED DONATION \$10
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WITH GARY CARTNER
Gary Cartner will provide instruction on digital camera use for better pictures, and use of computers to enhance those

images. New participants need to arrive at least 45 minutes early to catch up with the class. Bring your digital camera, its instruction book, and your laptop computer if you have one.

SATURDAY 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
PRIVATE OR PHONE SESSIONS
FEE: \$50
TRANCE CHANNELING WITH JEANNE LEY

Jeanne has been trance channeling since 1986. She has developed her gift into several channeling modalities. She works with her guide, a healer from Atlantis, who will answer questions, help release blocks, or speak to past lives. During the reading you will use visualization techniques to help you work through your blocks to achieving your goals, and to gain insight into your problems.

NOV. 20 — 12:15 P.M.
YUEN METHOD HEALING WITH DICK MUELLER
This session is an opportunity for Yuen Method practitioners to facilitate healing, and for people who would like to experience the Yuen method.

NOV. 21 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
SESSION 3 OF 9
FEE: \$7
KABBALAH EGO AND OPPONENT WITH ANGEL ROSSI-HANAN

Kabbalah is not a religion, cultish or mystical, a fad, or about fixing that which is broken. Today millions of people of all faiths have discovered the powerful effects of Kabbalah. When the wisdom and practical tools of Kabbalah are applied in life, positive experiences are the result. And, Kabbalah can enhance the practice of any religion..

NOV. 21, 28, DEC. 5 AND 14 7:15 P.M.
HOW TO HYPNOTIZE FOUR SESSION WORKSHOP
ENTIRE FEE: \$50
WITH MICHAEL DEAK

This introductory hypnosis class is designed to teach you how to hypnotize someone. Before spending thousands of dollars, come and try it for yourself and see where it leads you. If you would like to pursue certification as a hypnotist, this is a

great place to start and I will point you in the proper direction for what you would like to achieve. Registration is open for the 1st week only. Anyone interested in registering, please contact WTLC at 997-5353.

NOV. 27 — 6:30 P.M.
EXPLORING GOD'S HEART AT BILL BRUEHL'S HOME 4082 HUNTINGTON COURT, ASHTABULA

Join us in exploring our relationship with God and one another. Let's find a place that allows all kinds of insights to mingle as we make this spiritual journey. Discover new ideas as we share insights about Life that have helped us handle some of our life challenges.

NOV. 28 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
SESSION 4 OF 9
FEE: \$7
KABBALAH REACTIVE AND PROACTIVE WITH ANGEL ROSSI-HANAN

Kabbalah is a workable system that allows you to understand your purpose for being here; experiencing the joy you were put on Earth to have. Kabbalah is about uniting people, connecting to a higher

power, having incredible meaning, purpose and direction as well as to removing pain and suffering. Kabbalah teaches its students to question and test everything they learn..

NOV. 30 — 7:15 P.M.
CONSCIOUS EATING: HEALTHY EATING WITH CINDY FISH

Conscious eating will help you become the expert of your own body, to regain power over your food and your life. The program teaches you how to listen to your body and how to respect and respond to what your body is telling you.

It is important to register for classes so that speakers are not canceled due to lack of registrations. Wellness & Total Learning Center is a place to explore many options for spirit-body-mind health and well-being. Classes, circles, practitioners, a library, and much more await you at WTLC. Programs that do not suggest a fee are offered on a donation basis. WTLC is located at 715 West 30th Street, Ashtabula. FMI: Call 440-997-5353.

Pesticide re-certification sessions planned for Northeast Ohio

OSU Extension offices in northeast Ohio would like to remind farmers who need private pesticide applicators license renewed by March 31, 2012 that six re-certification

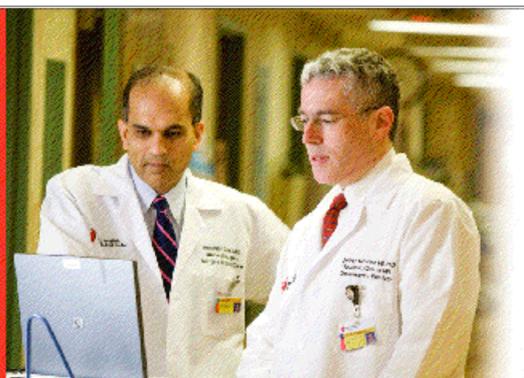
sessions will be held in four locations for Northeast Ohio. Sessions will be Jan. 13 in Medina, Jan. 20 in Williamsfield (two sessions), Feb. 10 in Parkman (two ses-

sions), and March 8 in Perry. Each session will offer re-certification in CORE and All Categories. A pre-registration fee of \$35 is required for each location. Registration for each

location is due eight days prior to the re-certification session. The registration deadlines will be strictly adhered and late registration fee will be \$50. All registrations will be

taken by the Geauga County Extension office. For more information about these programs, please contact the Geauga County Extension office at 440-834-4656.

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Picking a wine for the Thanksgiving 'bird'

Thanksgiving is one of America's most beloved holidays. Families gather, the best china is dragged from the sideboard, silver is polished, and favorite recipes are prepared and served. The final task is the most daunting for many: the selection of a 'correct' wine to match the 'bird' and all its trimmings:



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creamy gravy and rich mashed potatoes. It is a wonderful middle of the road choice when your family's palates range from those which enjoy bone dry reds to those whose favorite wine is a sweet, aromatic Catawba.

Speaking of Catawba... it is a festive wine for those who enjoy a sweet, grapey and pretty pink color on their table. Additionally, it is moderately priced so will not break the family budget.

Gewurztraminer [the G-wizz wine that is such a tongue twister] in its most dry or slightly sweet form is PERFECT for those pumpkin or squash soup appetizers. And it can continue on easily with the main course.

A light dry red like Chambourcin, Pinot Noir or Merlot is a great choice for a mixed group of folks who enjoy reds but do not appreciate bone dry varietals.

For a crowd with very sophisticated palates, the drier the reds chosen for the special meal the better. Cabernet Franc,

Cabernet Sauvignon, or the currently 'hot' Syrah provide a wonderful counterpoint to nearly all the courses on the menu.

The hostess for the Thanksgiving dinner can choose from among entrée wines that are incredibly varied in style and scope. There is, however, a single, universally accepted choice for dessert: one of Ohio's own luscious ice wines. The sweet sophistication of these unique wines appeals to every type of palate. And, while they are somewhat pricey, two or three ounces served with rich pumpkin pie can single-handedly turn that otherwise ordinary holiday meal into a memorable event.

Thanksgiving is coming. If you have not yet selected the wines for your special meal, take a few minutes, drive out to one of the regional wineries, taste one or more of the varieties suggested to make a 'perfect' choice.

And finally, if all else fails, choose three or four different styles and let guests make their own decision.

For additional information: dwinchell@OhioWines.org



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ASHTABULA COUNTY Technical and Career Campus (A-Tech) Masonry II students put the finishing touches on the stonework foundation of the barn they helped build on the grounds of the Ashtabula County Historical Society's Blakeslee Log Cabin. Pictured from left are Brandon Davidson, Nick MacKnight, Will Campos, Zach Wassie, Joey Vidovic, Derrick Coleman, A-Tech Masonry instructor Kevin Orvos, Dillon Starcher, Gary Nichols and Phillip Flowers.

A-Tech students build barn foundation at Blakeslee Log Cabin

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP — Seniors in the Masonry II program at Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus (A-Tech) demonstrated skills which form the cornerstone for their future careers by building the foundation for an imposing structure on the grounds of the historic Blakeslee Log Cabin in Plymouth Township. A-Tech Masonry and Carpentry students collaborated to construct a barn

on the Blakeslee Log Cabin grounds, a site steeped in Ashtabula County history, literally from the ground up. "These kids are very talented and they did an outstanding job on the barn," said Barrie Bottorf of the Ashtabula County Historical Society which maintains the site. "This barn, which is badly needed to display and store a large cache of artifacts discovered at the Blakeslee Log Cabin site, is a monument to their craftsmanship." The barn's carefully crafted stone foundation and its siding, already weathering to

silver, blend seamlessly with the rolling wooded site's historic log cabin which was built in 1810. "I told the students that if they need job references in the future, I'd be glad to write for any of them," said Bottorf. "I would hire any one of them."

A-Tech Masonry students have had a hand in numerous community projects including work at the Dorset Cemetery and Community Center.

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In defense of former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno

As a father of four young children, cases involving child sex abuse are extremely difficult for me and, quite candidly, naturally raise emotions of revulsion and anger. Nevertheless, as an attorney who has represented those accused of possession and distribution of child pornography, I still have zealously advocated for my clients as my sworn duty and ethical obligations require. Just as a doctor will (and must) treat morally reprehensible people, so too must an attorney represent and defend the same.



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In the course of my criminal defense work, I often encounter the collateral consequences my clients, their families, friends, business associates, and communities

have suffered merely as a result of a client being accused of a crime, especially one as provocative as child sex abuse in any form. The shame suffered by those connected to an accused can lead to devastating results: families disintegrate, depression and anxiety abound, businesses and jobs lost, and, in some of the most unfortunate circumstances, suicide may result.

The oft-forgotten victims of crimes are also those most closely associated with the accused. All merely because of an allegation, devastation

often ensues. While some may disagree, respected and highly-revered Coach Paterno is, indeed, an unfortunate victim of such collateral consequences.

At the outset, let us not forget that former Coach Jerry Sandusky stands accused of charges of child molestation. As ugly as they might be, and as hyped the media has made them, our criminal justice system still views him as innocent. Unfortunately, this has been lost in all the emotion, hype, and clamor.

As has already been publicly stated by Pennsylvania's Attorney General after a three-year grand jury investigation into the alleged crimes of Sandusky, Coach Paterno did what

he legally was required to do when some of the Sandusky conduct came to his attention. He reported it to his superiors.

Many have stated he should have done more. That Coach Paterno should have called the police or confronted Sandusky. But Coach Paterno was not a direct witness to any of the shocking claims made by now Assistant Coach Mike McQueary. He followed the procedure that was in place. If one steps back for a moment and considers how one would react if someone made a shocking allegation against a close colleague, would your immediate response be to call the police? Probably not.

So, even before Sandusky has been con-

victed of anything, the Penn State Board of Trustees has jumped to conclusions and made matters far worse than need or should be by firing Coach Paterno. Should they not have given Paterno at least a hearing? Should they have at least independently investigated the charges before acting as a result of media hype?

All too often, media scrutiny turns firestorm situations into a firestorm of confusion and misplaced anger. Calmer heads should have prevailed. Even the alleged victims in the case apparently had no idea that their allegations against Sandusky would have led to the firing of Coach Paterno.

Without any doubt, if proven true in a court of

law, or admitted to be Sandusky, he is a serial child rapist. A most repugnant and despicable person he is, if proven true. And the unfortunate victims his conduct should rightly be compensated and cared for.

But the direct victims of Sandusky are being overlooked as a result of the knee-jerk reaction of the Board. And that is a shame.

But perhaps what is more shameful, and would indeed be troubling, is what if... Just what if the allegations against Sandusky are NOT true? What then?

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