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Cognion Receives the R.A. Horn Award



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Stevieray Cognion attended the State Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 in Columbus to receive the R.A. Horn Award. Named in honor of the late Dr. Raymond A. Horn, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction Emeritus, this prestigious award recognizes student's remarkable performance. Sixteen awards are presented statewide annually.

Stevieray was recognized in the area of community involvement. He takes pride in his Scouting experiences and wants to achieve the rank of Eagle. This Scouting achievement is earned by only 2percent of registered Scouts. He currently has attained the rank of Star and is working on Eagle required merit badges both at Scout Camp at 7 Ranges and during the biweekly Scout meetings.

Using manners and helping other people are now his hallmarks and exemplify the Scouting principles of being Helpful, Courteous and Kind. He was overheard giving sound advice to a peer, encouraging them to believe in themselves when they are down.

The awards banquet hosted the recipients for the R.A. Horn Award and Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award. Stevieray's parents, Eugene and Connie Cognion, also attended and helped celebrate his achievement. Stevieray attends Ida Sue School and is a student in Frank Croskey's Transitional classroom. Students learn work skills in a variety of school and community job sites. Stevieray works diligently in the kitchen helping to prepare meals for the students and individuals.



YEARS OF SERVICE—2010

<p>35 Patti Dolges</p> <p>30 Pat McGinnis Tina Oliver Lori Burkhardt</p> <p>25 Nancy Copeland Mary Alice Troyer</p> <p>20 Steve Rowland Jane Burkholder Deborah Hewitt Terri Heffelfinger</p> <p>15 Janice Browne Mary Jo Starr Kelly Gillespie Debra Underwood</p>	<p>10 Judy Thompson Ron Maxwell Jill Wrather Vickie Lengacher Karen Hupp Michael Zuercher Tobie Snow Jeanne Gerwin Laurie Harsh Melissa Klingerman</p> <p>5 Kathleen Eby Angela Davis Cheryl Morris Patricia Brown Leeann Hamey Don Rammel Lisa Strausbaugh Deanne Lutz Tonja Myrda</p>
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OCTOBER STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Bonnie Harrold	October 1	Pat McGinnis	October 15
Sharron Finn	October 2	Judy Sczpanski	October 15
John Holley	October 4	Tess Bright	October 17
Judy Thompson	October 5	Charlene Klein	October 19
Sheryl Smith	October 7	Tammy Miller	October 19
Linda Dye	October 12	Angela Davis	October 27
Lori Forrester	October 13	Lori Labbe	October 28

RETIREMENTS

Beth Sidel	January 29, 2010	23 years of service
Donna Bibler	January 29, 2010	26 years of service
Jean Henderson	June 30, 2010	26 years of service
Jeanne Gerwin	July 30, 2010	10 years of service
John Tooley	July 31, 2010	35 years of service
Diane Webb	August 31, 2010	34 years of service
James Carey	September 30, 2010	13 years of service

WORKSHOP GROUP OF THE MONTH

Duane Newsome and his crew are the featured group of the month.

Duane and his crew work on all of the regular production that comes through the workshop on a daily and/or weekly basis such as Akron Brass, Wayne Dalton, Speed North America, etc.

They also have some specialty contracts that only they work on. With MC Products, they work to make sensors that monitor the level of liquid in a water holding tank used mainly for fire trucks. They cut wire to varying lengths, strip and crimp each one per instructions for each individual kind, test to make sure they work correctly, and package to send to the ultimate buyer. The crew also puts together the 4 and 5 light chassis that tell the firemen how full the tank is.

Duane's group has also made a number of household items such as coat racks and tables, have made fixtures to help other Nick Amster employees work at the various jobs and, most recently, made corn hole games for local companies.

Duane is very proud of everyone in his group and the accomplishments they do on a daily basis.

COATS FOR KIDS

Once again this year, the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary is sponsoring the "Coats for Kids" programs for families struggling to secure new winter coats for children from infants through the 6th grade. Applications will be taken on Thursday, October 14 and Friday, October 15 from 12 noon to 8:00 pm. at the Salvation Army Family Life Center, 459 South Market Street, Wooster. Information needed: Proof of Identification, Proof of Income and Proof of address.

Shopping day will be Saturday, October 30 from 10 am to 2 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 621 College Avenue, Wooster Ohio.

BIG BLUE SOFTBALL TEAM WINS DIVISION IV TITLE

The Wayne County Special Olympic Softball Team won the Division IV title September 18th by the final score of 16-4 over the Henry County Special Olympics Team. Before competing in the State Final, the Big Blue team had to play the Franklin Goodwill team from Columbus. Coach Don Rammel had this to say of the game. "The Franklin Team played very well and gave us a tough game. Fortunately, my guys were able to make some great defensive plays to get us out of some jams." Rammel credited the whole team for the tough win. "The team played exceptionally well, and they did everything I asked of them in the field; just keep the ball in front of you and make good throws. We had some trouble with that earlier in our season, but for this game they looked great out there."

Wayne County scored 3 runs in the first inning and was off to a good start. Another run crossed the plate in the bottom of the third and the lead was 4 runs. In the top of the 4th, Franklin County tried to mount a comeback scoring one run and with two outs had runners in scoring position. Wayne County ended the rally on a strike out by pitcher Shawn Savage. Rammel added, "Shawn Savage, our pitcher, did great. Shawn had a couple of strikeouts and only walked 3 batters." Wayne County scored one more run in the 5th and won the game 5-1.

In the State Final game, the Big Blue offense came alive scoring 10 runs over the first three innings. Shortstop, Jessie Stark, went 4 for 4 with 3 triples and 5 RBIs for the game. "In this game our offense really exploded. I don't think we have scored that many runs in one game all year" Rammel said. Every player was able to reach base safely at least once. Again the win was a team effort. "We have a couple of really good hitters, but the guys in front of them have to get on base; in this game everyone was able to do that."

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Superintendent's Corner

It seems like August 2nd was just yesterday but here we are approaching mid-October. School is in full swing and running as smoothly as could be expected. The workshop is steadily picking up more work and has successfully completed another CARF survey. Our transportation department is consistently providing timely and safe transportation to all of the individuals we serve. Things are going well here at the Wayne County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

It has been said that “**THERE IS NOTHING CONSTANT EXCEPT CHANGE**”. This is very true especially in the current state of the field of Developmental Disabilities. What I would like to do is challenge everyone here at the Wayne County Board of Developmental Disabilities to embrace this change and look for the **OPPORTUNITY** which comes with it. There is no doubt that there will be change so imagine how much better we will all be if we seize the **OPPORTUNITIES** which come with change.

