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Wilberforce men shock Walsh

WILBERFORCE — Wilberforce University pulled off a major upset this week, defeating Walsh by a score of 82-77 in an AMC game Tuesday evening.

The win was the Bulldogs' (8-14, 4-2) first win over the Cavaliers (17-4, 6-2) in 15 meetings and fourth overall in the 22 games between the two schools.

The two teams battled back and forth with Walsh forcing the overtime period after Ryan Vanderhorst hit a three to notch the score at 70-70. The score was also tied at halftime 34-34.

For Wilberforce, Chris Olafioye had 16 points and 10 rebounds, Darius Foster poured in 24 points, Ronald Hightower added 12 points and 10 boards, Lendyn Davis, 11 points and Terrance Morgan put in 11 points.

Ron Kinney led the Cavaliers with a double-double performance as he scored 19 points and pulled down 12 boards. Rian Burrell added 16 points and L.J. Sutton scored 14 points.

The Bulldogs out-rebounded Walsh 50-42. Neither team led by more than seven points during the contest.

"As long as we play hard, and play tough defense we will give ourselves a chance to win," said Wilberforce head coach Terry Futrell. "It's going to be like this. Every game is going to be tough but we made a big step knocking off the top team in Walsh."

Futrell has made great strides in his first year at the helm for Wilberforce. Tuesday's win was a great milestone for the rebuilding program.

"This was a great team win. Everyone contributed to this victory," Futrell said. "We told the seniors they had an opportunity to change our fortunes versus Walsh and they showed great heart in achieving that goal."

Central State women lose to Cedarville

WILBERFORCE — Deborah Gordon pumped in a career-high 21 points and the Lady Jackets took advantage of a quick start to deal Central State a 78-66 setback on its home floor.

Cedarville bolted to a 15-4 lead in the opening eight minutes which was sparked by three baskets from Lauryn Robinson along with a trey by Kaysie Brittenham. Raegan Ryan netted eight points during a 10-2 spurt to close the first half for a 43-26 bulge.

Gordon scored the Lady Jackets' first nine points of the second period. The scoreboard blinked 62-41 with 12:45 to go following a run of eight consecutive points and CU maintained command to improve to 11-6 overall.

Iniquia Snell paced CSU with 21 points followed by Tanija Beasley's 12. Tajha Walker added nine for the home team. Regina Allen had four assists. Ashley Spencer dished out four assists.

For Cedarville, Robinson finished

with a career-high 12 points off the bench. Kayla Jenerette had 11 points with seven rebounds and six assists. Ryan chipped in 10 points and Gordon pulled down seven boards. Deborah Chandler added a game-high and career-high 11 rebounds.

The Jackets converted 21-of-28 free throws and produced a 50-38 rebounding edge. Central State falls to 9-7.

Fans to decide ESPN platform for WSU February 10 game

FAIRBORN — ESPN and the Horizon League will leave it up to the fans to decide which game will appear on ESPN2 and which one on ESPN3 on Friday, February 10.

The two games—Green Bay at Wright State and Milwaukee at Detroit—will each air on one of the ESPN platforms and the fans will decide by voting at the Facebook ESPN Full Court Fan Vote starting on Wednesday, January 25, at 4 pm.

The voting concludes on Sunday night, January 29, with the results announced on Monday, January 30.

ESPN and the Horizon League combined forces recently to start this fan-based initiative, with the January 20 games garnering the most votes ever by this Facebook site.

To vote go to www.facebook.com/ESPNHomeCourt. The Raiders host UIC Loyola Friday night.

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Wilberforce lets one slip away against Point Park

WILBERFORCE — Wilberforce fell apart offensively and defensively and fell to Point Park University Tuesday evening by a count of 88-71 in American Midwest Conference play.

Point Park (10-9, 3-4 AMC) had lost its last two conference games, but ran out to an 18-point halftime lead to avenge an earlier loss to Wilberforce (9-16, 5-3 AMC). Point Park, which had been 3-6 in its last nine games entering Tuesday, took complete control with a 52-34 half-time lead over the Bulldogs.

Wilberforce split the season series with Point Park as they won the earlier contest 92-80.

Terrance Morgan had a team-high 14 points, with 12 of those coming on four 3-pointers in the first half for the Bulldogs. Darius Foster added a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds followed by Yann Sani's 11.

For the Pioneers, Asa Braxton had 16 of his 23 points in the first half and T.J. Heatherington finished with 22 points.

Wilberforce head coach Terry Futrell felt coming into the game that his squad would take care of business and get a win. Afterwards, the loss left a feeling of disappointment.

"We let a golden opportunity slip away last night. We are a good basketball team when we defend and share the basketball. We did not do either of those well in last night's game," he said. "Our team has not been in this position before (in the conference) this late in the season. Our challenge as a coaching staff will be to get them to compete at a higher level of intensity that will be necessary to get to the next level."

Wilberforce will play Saturday against Daemen College. The women's game starts at 2 p.m. with the men tipping at 4 p.m.

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Wilberforce gets big win against Daemen

WILBERFORCE — Wilberforce picked up a huge American Midwest Conference win over the weekend, as the Bulldogs defeated the Daemen Wildcats 68-58.

The loss snapped Daemen's five-game winning streak and dropped the Wildcats to 16-10, AMC). Wilberforce improved to (10-16, 6-3 AMC), and maintained a grasp on second in the conference standings.

Darius Foster led the way for the Bulldogs with a game-high 20 points. Chris Olafioye added 14 points and nine rebounds. The Bulldogs also got 11 and 10 points, respectively, from reserves Lendyn Davis and Yann Sani. Davis and Sani accounted for all of the Bulldogs' bench scoring and out-scored the Daemen reserves 21-4.

Jim Regan and Dom Mazzocchi paced the Wildcats. Regan scored 19 points and grabbed seven boards while Mazzocchi matched Regan's rebound total and scored 17 points. Mark Coppola chipped in with nine points and five assists.

"I am very proud of our team's effort tonight. We had great support from our student body which helped down the stretch. When you defeat a team that is ranked 25th in the country it is always a very gratifying win," said Wilberforce head coach Terry Futrell. "We had not been defending or shooting free throws well, but we did both well tonight. If we keep playing consistently at this level we will be a force to be reckoned with in the conference tournament."

Wilberforce travels to Cedarville to play the Yellow Jackets tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Greg Rice helps Central State dominate Salem International

SALEM, West Va. — Central State got a big game from and overpowered Salem International on the road by a count of 91-72 last night.

Greg Rice poured in 28 points to move Central State to a 14-7 record while the Tigers are now 5-16 on the season.

Central State took the lead from the get go and never looked back, starting the game on a 21-8 run. Salem International cut the lead to just seven points twice in the first half, before going into the break down by nine, 48-39.

The Marauders shot 60 percent (20-for-33) from the field in the first half. Salem was held to 38 percent (14-for-36) shooting from the field, but shot 9-for-17 from beyond the arc.

Rice finished the game leading all scorers with 28 points, shooting 10-for-14 from the field, including 6-for-7 from downtown, to go along with seven rebounds and three steals. Gerald Campbell went 9-for-12 from the field and 5-for-5 from three-point land for 23 points. Lee Tabb had the game's only double-double, scoring 15 points and pulling down 13 rebounds.

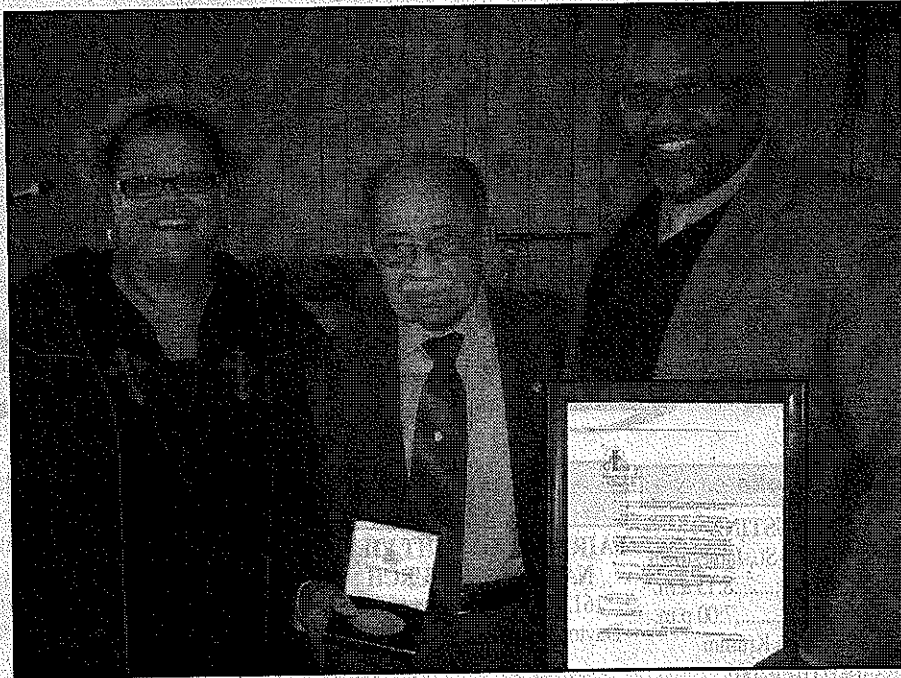
Salem had three players score in double figures led by Porter's team-high 19 points, on 7-for-16 shooting, including 5-for-9 from three and a game-high seven assists.

Central State held the rebounding edge, 49-34.

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Feaster honored by church

Glory Ministries Church for the start of Black History Month Honored Tuskegee Airmen & Xenia Resident Charles Feaster on Feb. 5. Feaster was presented an Award by Pastor Rev. Dr. Gloria Wade-Dillon and Men Ministry Leader Godfrey Day of Glory Ministries Church. *Submitted photo.*

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Wilberforce
men pull out
thriller against
Houghton

HOUGHTON, N.Y. — Wilberforce University used a strong second half defensive performance to defeat Houghton College by a score of 68-64. The Highlanders led by as many as 7 in the first half, but the game was tied 32-32 at half-time. Ronald Hightower had twelve points for the Bulldogs in the first half. Chris Coniar had 10 for the Highlanders.

With one minute remaining in the second half, Darius Foster hit a big three to bring the Bulldogs within one, 64-63. With 36 seconds remaining, Wilberforce took their first lead since 16 minutes into the game. On Houghton's last possession, they had two chances to tie or make game, but were unable to capitalize on either. The Highlanders were forced to foul and Wilberforce hit the resulting free throws to ice the game and make the final score 68-64.

Hightower scored a game-high 19 points for the Bulldogs, adding nine rebounds. Terrance Morgan contributed 16 and Foster added 11.

“Our starting unit struggled for most of the game. Several reserve players namely Lance Whirfield, Raymond Hall and Aston Choice came in and gave us a much needed lift that helped propel us to the victory,” said Wilberforce head coach Terry Futrell.

Next for Wilberforce is a game against Walsh University on Thursday in Canton, Ohio.

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Wilberforce falls to Walsh

CANTON — Wilberforce defeated Walsh (22-5, 10-2) earlier this season, but was on the other end of the score as the Cavs captured at least a share of the American Midwest Conference championship with an 84-45 victory over the Bulldogs (11-18, 7-4) Friday night.

Walsh trailed just once last night, at 3-2, in the game's first minute. The Cavs roared out to a 47-21 halftime lead and were never challenged in the second half, and led by as many as 45 points (71-26) with 9:56 to play.

Terrance Morgan led Wilberforce with 13 points. The Bulldogs were playing without injured starters Chris Olafioye and Ron Hightower. Ron Kinney led Walsh with a game-high 17 points.

"Going into this game, we were faced with the dilemma of playing or resting our team captain (Ronald Hightower) who is also our starting forward. A win would have given us the chance to share a piece of the conference title if Daemen College lost to Point Park on Saturday. Walsh is eligible for the regular season championship, but is not eligible for post season play due to their pending move to NCAA Division II," Wilberforce head coach Terry Futrell said. "Our conference gets one bid to the National tournament this year and that is determined by the conference tournament. Ronald is nursing a high ankle sprain and we felt it was more important to have him available for the conference tournament. Playing at Walsh University is a daunting task on any occasion, but unfortunately, playing without two of our starters, we were unable to fill the void in the loss. I told the players after the game to forget this game and get their minds set on Saturday's game versus Roberts Wesleyan."

A win today will give Wilberforce the right to host a conference semi-final on Tuesday. A loss today will mean the Bulldogs will have to travel to one of its conference opponents sites.

Today's game at Wilberforce will start at 2 p.m. (women) and the (men) will play at 4 p.m.

Wright State University baseball team falls to Monmouth in season opener

CARY, N.C. — The Wright State baseball team led 1-0 heading into the fifth, but it was all Monmouth from there as the Hawks scored four in that inning and two more in the sixth en route to a 10-2 decision in the season opener for both teams Friday at the USA Baseball Complex in Cary, North Carolina.

The Raiders started the scoring with a run in the second. Tristan Moore led off with a single through the right side of the infield and scored one out later as Zach Tanner doubled to right center.

It stayed that way until Monmouth scored four in the fifth and two more in the sixth to go up for good.

WSU tallied its final run in the eighth as Justin Kopale doubled down the left field line and Corey Davis plated him with a hit to left, but would get no closer as Monmouth tacked on four more runs in the ninth.

Both Moore and Ryan Ashe each had two hits to pace the Raider offense while on the mound, Jack Van Horn and Luke Mamer each pitched a scoreless inning in their college debuts.

Wright State returns to action Saturday with a pair of games, taking Bryant at 11 a.m. at the USA Baseball Complex before heading to Raleigh to face North Carolina State at 3 p.m.

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Wilberforce men's basketball team to host conference playoff games

WILBERFORCE — Wilberforce capped off a tremendous regular season with a 73-63 win over Roberts Wesleyan University.

Both teams had locked up a spot in the upcoming American Midwest Conference tournament coming into the season finale.

With the win, Wilberforce University men will host an American Midwest Conference tournament game

for the first time in over 15 years. The win over Roberts Wesleyan solidified a second seed in the AMC tournament for the Bulldogs (12-18, 8-4 AMC).

Wilberforce had five people in double figures. Terrance Morgan had 11, Ronald Hightower, 13 and 11 rebounds, Lendyn Davis, 12 points, Patrick Perdue, 10 points, and Darius Foster netted 18 points.

Alif Bland put up a game-high 19 points for the Raiders in the loss followed by Mike Stone's 15.

"This was a great night. I challenged the seniors to accomplish their goal of hosting a conference playoff game at Wilberforce for the first time in many years. We had great support from our fans and it was needed to secure the victory," Wilberforce head coach Terry Futrell. "I am very proud

of this team. We have overcome much adversity this year and to see these young men with an opportunity to play for the right to qualify for the National Tournament held in Branson, Missouri is very special."

Futrell said the team and all of Wilberforce University is welcoming fans to come out tonight to support the Bulldogs against Point Park University beginning at 7 p.m.

Yellow Springs church honors African-American veterans

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YELLOW SPRINGS — A local church recently celebrated Black History Month by recognizing several men who bravely served their country.

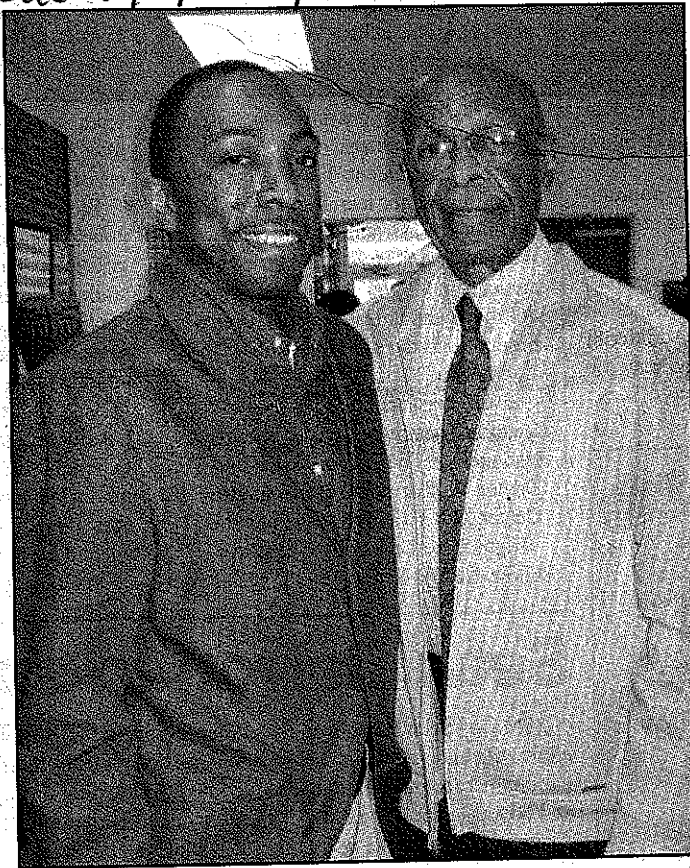
Central Chapel A.M.E. Church held a ceremony Sunday honoring African American war veterans, including those from World War II, with a special emphasis on the Tuskegee Airmen and the Montford Point Marines.

Among those being honored were Charles Feaster, the only known original Tuskegee Airman in the Greene County area, and Jonas Bender, the only Montford Point Marine in attendance. Also in attendance was Roland Windburn, State Representative of the 40th House District. The veterans were supported by family and friends at the ceremony.

Gregory Edmonds, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Ohio Memorial Chapter, began the ceremony by stating that the Montford Marines were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in November of 2011, and the Tuskegee Airmen were awarded the same in 2007.

Feaster and Bender shared their stories of their time of service, as did Charles Benning, Theodore Jackson, and Orlando Brown, who served in the U.S. Army.

The Tuskegee Airman were determined young men who enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps to become America's first black military airmen. The first



Derick Jackson (left) spoke for his grandfather Theodore, a U.S. Army veteran.

aviation class in 1941 had 13 cadets. In 1942, five of the cadets earned their silver wings and became the first black military pilots. They were later led by Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. during World War II. Davis was the first black man to become a general in the Air Force.

Feaster shared that they were 18- and 19-year-old boys who

learned everything about an airplane in Illinois, where they went to school six days a week. After training he was on a ship, traveling seven days to Casablanca where he was trained by a man who was the AVG, and flew the same planes that were assigned in Canada against the Japanese.

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"I was assigned to the 33rd fighter group and was shipped from Casablanca to Tunisia, which was a 30-day trip by truck," said Feaster. "Seeing the planes lined up, this is it, this was what we've gone through segregation, the whole thing for."

Feaster remembered Col. Davis being pretty tough.

"He insisted we had to shave and get haircuts to look clean and neat in order to create an image to all the other surrounding organizations," he said.

Feaster, who was a Red Tail Angel, stated that 66 pilots were killed in action before the Red Tails went up with them.

The Tuskegee Airmen flew 1,578 combat missions, were awarded three presidential citations, one legion of merit, one silver star, 150 distinguished flag crosses, 744 air medals and eight purple hearts.

The Montford Point Marines, according to Edmonds, were the last bastion of segregation.

"In 1942, President Roosevelt issued an order that we would be integrated into the Marine Corps," said Bender. "After the order, it took a year or more before the Marine Corps finally said 'We'll take them.'"

The Montford Marines, in 1942, were committed to join the Marines on a segregated basis, which meant that the 20,000 black men that served all served on a segregated basis.

"They tried to take us down and prove that blacks could not be Marines," Bender said. "Over 20,000 of us went through that training, took all the flack they were throwing at us, and emerged proud Marines."

For Bender, it all started at Camp Shelby in Hasburg, Miss. He then went through 10 weeks of training at Camp Legume in 1942, when it was mandated that African Americans were given the opportunity to be recruited into the Marine Corps.

"There were 20,000 of us who brought about the success of being integrated, and all of us are proud that we did the ground work it took to tear down the concept that blacks could not be Marine's," said Bender. "We have all the opportunities today that the Marine could hope for, including becoming a General."

Of the 20,000 that served, there are only 200 left who received the congressional gold medal.

The three men that served in the U.S. Army all spoke, and Jackson's grandson, Derick Jackson, spoke for him.

Reverend Timothy Liggins, pastor of the church stated that they are hoping to have another ceremony honoring African American veterans of the Korean War.

Wilberforce hosts playoff game, moves on in tourney

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**Bulldogs one
win away
from national
tournament**

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WILBERFORCE — For the first time in over 15 years, the Wilberforce University men's basketball team hosted an American Midwest Conference basketball game. The Bulldogs didn't squander the opportunity and blasted Point Park College by a score of 91-76.

Darius Foster exploded for 29 points and helped Wilberforce (13-18, 8-4 AMC) advance to the AMC championship game on Saturday at 4 p.m. against top-seeded Daemen College (19-10) in Amherst, New York. The teams will be playing for an automatic bid to the NAIA Division II National Tournament in Branson, Missouri.

The Bulldogs moved to (6-1) at home against AMC opponents after last night's win as Point Park was the only team to gain a victory there this season. Devon Alexander led the Pioneers with 28 points.

Wilberforce built a nice 42-33 advantage at intermission halftime, and surged out to a 68-57 lead with 7:41 to play. The Bulldogs extended

things to 84-67 with under three minutes to play.

Just before halftime, the referees handed Point Park's head coach Bob Rager a technical foul for arguing a call. It looked as though one of the three officials signaled a second foul and ejection from the contest, but after a brief conference they allowed him to stay in the game for the second half.

The home crowd seemed unsure of how to handle the playoff atmosphere. At halftime, students heard a speech for university President Patricia Hardaway, who reminded students in attendance to register to vote this election year. As Point Park players emerged from locker room to warmup they were loudly booed for interrupting the president's speech.

"We haven't had a playoff game at home in over 15 years, so the students and everybody are just trying to figure it all out," said Wilberforce head coach Terry Futrell at halftime. "We just need to play well for another half and get ready to play for the title."

His Bulldogs did just that, but after suffering through a 5-23 campaign last season, the program's one-year turnaround has been amazing. Futrell took over for Geoff Warren at the beginning of this season.

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Wilberforce falls in AMC championship game

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WILBERFORCE — It has been quite a year for Wilberforce men's basketball head coach Terry Futrell. His Bulldogs fell short of capturing a conference championship over the weekend, but the school's program has been energized and is ready to reach new heights.

Wilberforce finished with a (13-19) record this season after going (5-23) last year. On Saturday in the American Midwest Conference title game, the Daemen Wildcats earned the conference's automatic bid to the

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NAXA Division II National
Tournament as they defeated Wilberforce 76-49 in Amherst, New York.

The game was played on Daemen's home court, but Futrell knew it would be a tough time, and he prepared his team for it.

"We tried to prepare our team for the atmosphere they were about to encounter. I felt we were nervous early on and it showed in our play. After a few minutes we settled down, but Daemen switched to a zone defense and increased the defensive pressure on our guards," he said. "The defensive pressure up front disrupted

our offensive rhythm and Daemen went on a 17-4 run. We withstood the Daemen offensive barrage and cut the lead to nine as the half was expiring."

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"What a tremendous team effort. We really got after them defensively and we played with a lot of energy which was key for us today," Silveri said after the game. The Wildcats came out on fire in

the second half and their lead ballooned to 20 points thanks to an early 12-2 run. Wilberforce was never able to get stops or generate any offense against Daemen's zone.

"I felt that if we could get one more defensive stop before the half we would have weathered the storm and be in good position to make a run at them in the second half. We thought we came up with a great defensive stand for the last possession of the first half, but Daemen's guard hit a 30-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer to put them up 13 at the half. That shot seemed to take the wind from our sails and we were never able to mount

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Wilberforce's Futrell AMC Coach of the Year, 3 players also honored

WILBERFORCE — The American Midwest Conference has awarded first-year Wilberforce head coach Terry Futrell for his outstanding season. He was named the AMC Coach of the Year. Futrell turned around a 5-23 team and led them to the conference title game this year.

Darius Foster was named as a first team all-star, while Ronald Hightower and Christopher Olafioye made the second team.

Futrell said he was proud of his allstars and entire team, along with the Wilberforce University and the Miami Valley area for supporting the Bulldogs this season. He said the team will continue to build on this year's success.

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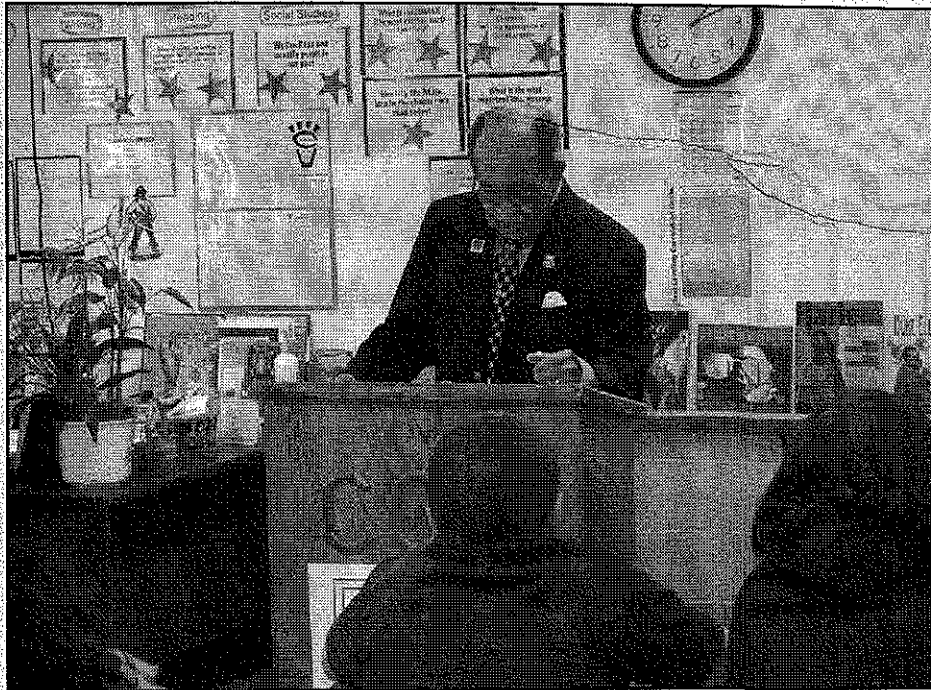


Wal-Mart donates money to PALS for reading programs

The local Promoters of Arts, Literature and Science (PALS) organization received a grant from Wal-Mart on Friday, March 2. The grant will underwrite the organization's programs in the local community, in particular the PALS' cooperation with the Xenia Community Schools' extended reading programs and visits by PAL members.

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Feaster speaks to students

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In light of the Red Tails movie release, Mr. Charles Feaster, a well-known Tuskegee Airman was invited to speak with the Cox fifth grade students about his accomplishments during his active duty with the Tuskegee Airmen. Feaster shared a lot of information detailing his experiences as an African American man helping to fight in World War II.

Feaster shared his Congressional Medal of Honor with the students. The Cox students appreciated his knowledge and had the pleasure of asking Mr. Feaster literal, inferential and evaluative questions about his experiences.

Feaster was very happy and excited to be a part of our Black History month celebration. *Submitted photo.*

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Wilberforce basketball programs on the rise

WILBERFORCE — By nearly everyone's estimation, 2011-2012 was a great rebuilding season for the Wilberforce University men's basketball team.

For the first time in fifteen years, the Bulldogs entered the American Midwest Conference playoffs — and came within one win of qualifying for the NAIA National tournament — losing in the championship game to the top seed Daemen College on their home court. It was also the first time since the 1998-1999 Season that Wilberforce played host to a league playoff game — and the Bulldogs won that semi-final game at the Multiplex over Point Park University.

In recognition of the team's turnaround this year, Bulldogs head coach Terry Futrell was named Coach of the Year by the AMC. It's a great feather in the cap of Futrell, who is completing his first year as athletic director and men's basketball coach at Wilberforce. Futrell returned to the Bulldogs after spending 2008-2011 as an

assistant coach at Cedarville University. He was an assistant coach and recruiting director at Wilberforce from 2006-2009.

"This was a great turnaround year and we're excited about the future," Futrell said.

The AMC also recognized five student athletes from Wilberforce — three from the men's basketball team, and two from the women's program.

The men include: Darius Foster, a six-three senior from Richmond, CA. The team captain was selected 1st Team All Conference. Foster averaged 16.2 points per game and shot 38.5 percent from the three point line and 83 percent from free throw line.

Christopher Olafioye, a six-four senior from Detroit, MI was also recognized by being selected 2nd Team All Conference. Chris averaged 15.8 points per game and five rebounds per game.

Ronald Hightower, a six-three senior from Dothan, AL, and team captain was also honored by being selected 1st Team All Conference. He aver-

aged 10.3 points per game and eight rebounds per game.

Hightower also made 60 percent of his shots from the field.

"It was a pleasure coaching these young men," Futrell said. "Due to their hard work and perseverance they were able to accomplish some great things and helped build a great future for Wilberforce athletics," he added.

There were also honors on the Lady Bulldogs squad. Two team members of the Lady Bulldogs were nominated as scholar athletes by the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics.

Danielle Lewis, a 5-foot-5 senior from Toledo, OH and Angelica Rucker, a five-foot-seven senior from Shawnee, KS were both honored for their academic accomplishments. Student athletes must maintain a 3.5 grade point average to qualify for the scholar athlete designation.

"These young ladies have been shining examples of what we want all of our student athletes to achieve," said Futrell.

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YMCA receives donation

The Xenia YMCA received a generous gift of \$2,250 on Tuesday, May 15, from Wilberforce resident Wil Jameson and his wife, Wanda Kelley. During the presentation of the check, Jameson praised Xenia YMCA employees Bonnie Jasper and Terry Mace for their "kindness and commitment to service." The donation will be used to support the YMCA's Strong Kids program. Pictured from left to right are Wanda Kelley, Bonnie Jasper, Terry Mace and Wil Jameson.

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WSU student receives scholarship

Wright State University (WSU) student Raquel Scott received a scholarship from the local Promoters of Arts, Literature and Science (PALS) on Wednesday, June 27. According to PALS President Charles Feaster, Scott was selected for the award because of her hard work in the classroom and her involvement with her church and several local groups and organizations.

Scott will embark on her college journey at WSU in the fall, where she will pursue an under-graduates degree in pre-med. Following the acquisition of the under-graduates degree, Scott intends on applying for entry into medical school. Pictured from left to right is PALS President Charles Feaster, PALS Foundation Trustee Lee G. Esprit, EDD, WSU student Raquel Scott, PALS Club President Clyde Vaughan, Jr. and PAL Foundation Trustee George T. Johnson.

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Local student receives scholarship

Sarah E. Peacock, the daughter of Jerry and Diane Peacock and a 2012 graduate of Xenia High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Wilberforce-Xenia Optimist Club. The scholarship honors Peacock for her academic achievements and participation in community service activities. The Xenia High School grad has done academic tutoring and volunteer work with the homeless through her church. She intends on attending the University of Pittsburgh where she will major in Pre-Med with a minor in Business.

Pictured from left to right are Wilberforce-Xenia Optimist Club Secretary Charles Feaster, Sarah Peacock, her mother, Diane Peacock, and Wilberforce-Xenia Optimist Club Scholarship Committee Chairman Willie Washington.

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Kiwanis Club's annual Picnic in the Park event set for Sunday

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XENIA — The tempting aroma of hot dogs and hamburgers will fill Xenia's newly renovated Park & Pavilion during the annual Xenia Kiwanis Club's Annual Picnic 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12.

Traditionally, the guest conductor competition — said to be very competitive, but friendly — highlights the event.

Xenia Mayor Marsha Bayless, Rotarian Harry Johns and Kiwanian Janet Haines are competing for your votes, \$1 each, to become guest conductor of the Greene County Adult Concert Band.

Directed by Jason Mahan, the band performance begins at 7 p.m. and winning conductor will be announced at intermission.

Remember, this is one election when people can vote more than once — vote for one Bayless, Johns or Haines or all three. Vote one time or as many times as one likes.

This is a benefit picnic for the organization.

Send donations to Ben Thompson, Kiwanis treasurer, 595 N. Galloway St. or vote at the event.

As a teacher, counselor and principal in Xenia Community Schools, Bayless made a difference in the lives of students, families and colleagues 35 years. As mayor of Xenia, she shares her blend of wit and seriousness with constituents while being city leader. She is a member of United AME Church.

Johns, a retired education administrator, held fiscal executive positions and served as dean of Central State University's College of Business. He joined Rotary in 1970, serving as the service club's first black president in 1974.

Haines has been a realtor in the Xenia and Greene County area more than 35 years. She has lived in Xenia 12 years and before that in the Jamestown area more than 30 years. Haines

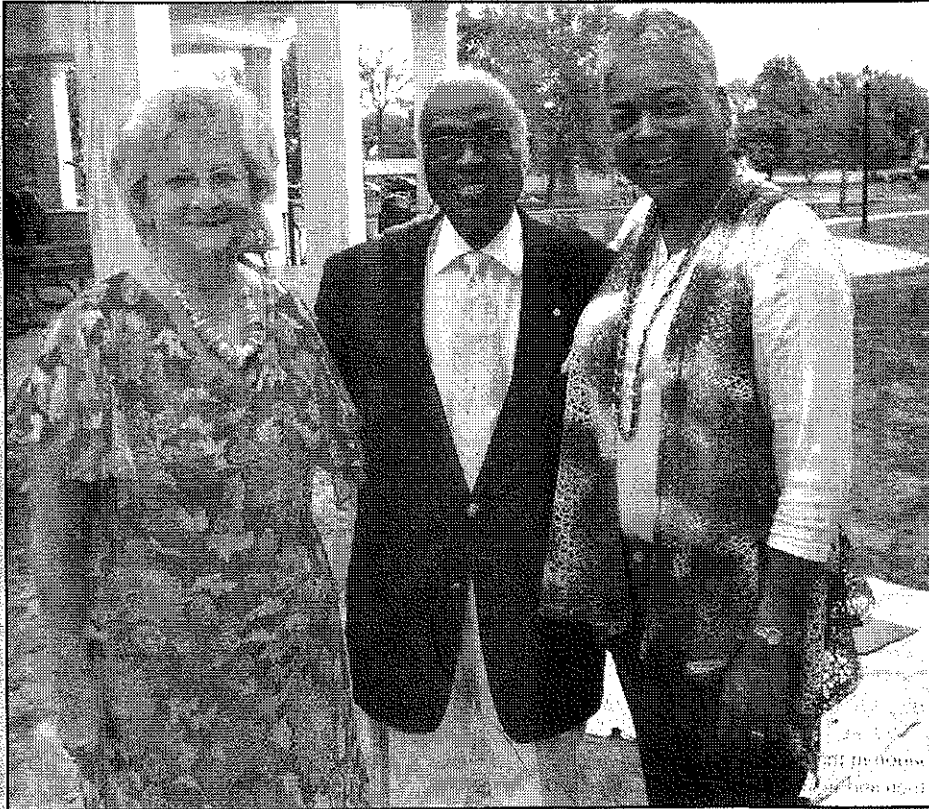
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is a member of the Board of Directors of X-Act and the Kiwanis Club and attends Faith Community United Methodist Church.

McNeal, a 50-year-Kiwanian, was a retired director of vocal music in Xenia City Schools and an administrator. He and his family were well known in musical circles in the Xenia area many years.

Tickets for the meal can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member at \$5 each or at the event.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child or one community at a time. Dinner meetings are held weekly 6:10 p.m. Tuesdays, 130 E. Church St.



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Guest conductor competition held

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The Xenia Kiwanis Club held its annual guest conductor competition. Harry Johns, (above, center) is the top vote getter. He and candidates Janet Haines and Mayor Marsha Bayless (right), vied for the opportunity to direct the Greene County Adult Concert Band when it performed Sunday at the service club's Annual Picnic in the Park.

Johns, a retired educator, represented Xenia Rotary Club; Haines, Xenia realtor, the Kiwanis Club, and Mayor Bayless, the community. The competition benefits the club's Loren McNeal Scholarship Fund.

Guests lined up for the picnic supper at the Xenia Kiwanis Club's Annual Picnic in the Park Sunday evening in Shawnee Park. Proceeds from the supper and guest conductor competition totaling more than \$2,000 benefit the service club's Loren McNeal Scholarship Fund. McNeal, a long-time Kiwanian, was a retired administrator and vocal music instructor in Xenia City Schools. *Submitted photos.*

