

# Please Help Name Our Newsletter!!

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Guernsey County Opportunity Center Youth Program  
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## This Quarter ...

- \* Senior Graduation Packets distributed to your high school — Oct. 19th.
- \* Daylight Savings Time Ends — Nov. 7th.
- \* No school — Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Break :)
- \* Seniors— Be aware of college deadlines fast approaching in January!

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## Summer Youth

The 2010 Summer Youth Program was a great success! There were 168 participants between the ages of 14 to 24-years who worked with 64 employers throughout the county.

Several new employers were added this year to offer more variety/experience such as: Colgate Palmolive, Cambridge Packaging, Xtreme Motorsports, Parkside Taste Freeze, Deer-assic, LMI, Edgetech, Moore Brother's Hardware, Ritzy Repeats, West 40, Mr. Lee's, Colonel Taylor Inn, Donohue's Ice, Brown Cattle Services, Ables Electric, and Yaker Valley Farms.

Sharayah Dettra, summer youth monitor, assisted with the program and will return next summer as well. Thank you Sharayah for all of your help!

All employers were happy with the work completed during the eight week program and three youth were hired-on with businesses!!! Congratulations!

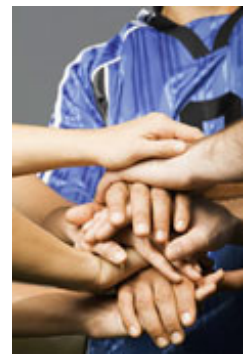
Those with perfect attendance were entered into a drawing for a Dell Notebook and those with less than three excused absences for a \$50 gas card and a 4GB memory stick.

Winners of a Dell Notebook: William Stage, Zach Jones, Steven Mounts, and Samuel Smith.

Winners of a \$50 gas card: Carl Field, Tevor Heskett, Jordan Payton, Robert Johnston, April Lucas, Dylan Baker, Autumn Latham, Marcus Yonker and Miranda Redden.

Winners of a 4GB memory stick: Nathan Selders, Jacob O'Connor, Kimberly Huffman.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this summer successful!!



There is no such thing as a self-made person. You will reach your goals with the help of others.

## 2010 Youth Leadership Graduates



## Youth Leadership 2010

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**The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.**

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Fourteen applicants were selected to participate in the Guernsey County Youth Leadership group. The program's objective is to acquaint the students with opportunities in Guernsey County and to motivate them to seek goals beyond what they thought they could aspire to.

The program consisted of 10 sessions where students listened to top officials in the county from all aspects of the community. Among the sites visited by the group included: The Guernsey County Common Pleas Court with Judge David Ellwood; Zane State/ Willett-Pratt Training Center/ Guernsey County Opportunity Center; Southeastern Med; Cambridge Municipal Court with Judge John Mark Nicholson; People Bank; Colgate-Palmolive; Byesville Water Treatment Plant; Ohio Bridge; Kennedy's Bakery; Cambridge City Hall with Mayor Tom Orr; AVC Communications; Detroit Diesel; Ridge tool; Cambridge Airport; Guernsey County Department of Job and Family Services; Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department; Guernsey County

Commissioners; and Downtown Main Street with Fran Taylor.

Featured speakers presenting to the class were Keisha Norris and Conrad Aikens from Zane State College; Linda Secrest from Drug and Alcohol Services of Guernsey County; and Kathy Jamiel, Director, Guernsey County Department of Job and Family Services.

At a ceremony held on June 25 at the Willett-Pratt Training Center, the graduates were recognized for their achievements.

Those that graduated from the ninth class include: Casey Burnworth; Dylan Burnworth; Samantha Calvert; Stephen Fallis; BreeAnna Greene; Robert Johnston; Jordan Payton; Cassandra Province; Maggie Province; Jessica Rossiter; and Amanda Sutton.

Keynote speaker for the celebration was Rusty Roberts, who is a Health Educator in the Rolling Hills Local School District, a Research Assistant with the University of Cincinnati, a member of the Cambridge City School District Board of Education, and a former Guernsey County Commis-

sioner. His presentation focused on the importance of setting life long goals, employability skills, completing high school, and networking throughout the community.

In addition, each participating student that attended all of the sessions and successfully completed the program received a notebook computer for their efforts.

Pictured below is the Leadership group with Judge Nicholson in front of the new Municipal Court in Cambridge.



**By: Samantha Calvert**

## What Leadership Means To Me

When I applied for Leadership I wanted to gain leadership skills. Skills such as public speaking, eye contact and communication skills. The reason I wanted to obtain leadership skills is for the future. This past school year I was made a BPA officer which is a leadership position that I had to run for against fellow students.

Having leadership skills also will help me be a good employee. I wanted to learn how to make people like and

respect me. But, I did not get what I thought I would out of the leadership. I got so much more.

On our first day you could cut the tension with a butter knife. We were all here for the same reason, to become a leader. But, we all became friends. I have waked up early for the last two weeks ready to go to work, and ready to learn. The first day I knew I was going to enjoy the next two weeks. Sue and Debbie did a great job

making the program fun and educational. I am so glad I got to hang out with the two of them for two weeks. More then the skills I gained, I learned so much about the community of Cambridge. I learned more than I think the others realized. I am also sure all the others in the program learned more than they expected.

Back to the first day, we were all nervous; we went to the courthouse to meet Judge Ellwood in the Common

## What Leadership Means ...

Pleas Court. It was an amazing experience. We sat in on a trial! Then we got to meet the public prosecutor and the rest of the staff. But we also got to ask questions and learn the history of the courthouse.

I don't like how the human body works. See, I could never be a nurse, but I always think people that are nurses or doctors are amazing. We went to the hospital, and it was so educational. I got to see so many things, like different careers besides nurses. It was fun and educational. The staff really did a good job making the tour interesting.

Something else I really enjoyed was getting to tour the new Municipal Court building. I felt lucky to get to go in before the public. Judge Nicholson was very down to earth. He seemed to really enjoy talking to us. He really cares about what he does.

One of the most educational tours I feel we went to visit was Peoples Bank. I loved going in the vault and seeing the huge building. We not only learned what the history of the building, we learned a lot about saving money and all the services.

The rest of the leadership program and me were lucky to go to a lot of major companies in Cambridge. We got to look in and see what the people of Guernsey County do for a living. I saw most of the jobs people have. They come in and work everyday to make a living and do something.

We got to speak to people of leadership positions in our community. We spoke to two judges, Tom Orr, Major of Cambridge, County Commissioner Douglass and all the social services places. Going to Children Services was my most favorite place to go. I want to have a career in children services. For me, seeing the Job and Family Services and Health Department was also interesting. I had a great last two weeks. Like I said, I learned way more than I ever realized.

When we went to Kennedy's Bakery I read a plaque on the wall that was all about the man who started Kennedy's. As I read, I learned that Kennedy's was built in the 30's and was able to answer that later in the week. I felt proud and that's when I realized just how much I did take from the Leadership Program.

Another little thing I learned was at the Municipal Airport. In the hallway there was a plaque about an air pilot who was M.I.A., from Vietnam. His remains were found and returned 20-years later. He was from Guernsey County. I was interested in the story and I read they put his name on the Guernsey County Veterans Plaque on the courthouse lawn. Then on our tour the last day of Leadership, I saw the plaque with his name. I felt so proud, intelligent and knowledgeable. I knew the story about the last name on the plaque. M.I.A., Tom Reed.

I see how this community all ties together. I am more proud of this community than I have ever been. The Leadership program has made me knowledgeable, proud, and well spoken and now I feel that I, Samantha Calvert am part of the community. I learned we can do whatever we want if we really want. We learned how to go about following our dreams and making it all come true.

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**A Community is  
like a ship;  
everyone ought  
to be prepared to  
take the helm.**

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## W.D.R.K. Crew

The Work Opportunities Reaching Kids (W.D.R.K.) Crew met daily at the center and traveled throughout the county completing civic projects such as painting, mowing, weed eating and general property maintenance.

Devvon Dettra was crew supervisor and completed work with the City of Cambridge, Village of Byesville,

Village of Old Washington, Village of Cumberland, and the Village of Fairview.

Pictured are l to r: Joshua Lazarek, Matthew Allshouse, Ashley Morris, Levi Barton, and Crew Leader Devvon Dettra.



### Did You Know?

The Opportunity Center offers assistance with resume writing, local job listings, interviewing tips and internet access for FREE.

Whether you are seeking part-time employment or need help completing a job application— we can help.

Case Managers at the center also assist individuals with tuition assistance.

If you are planning to attend college, will be completed within two years and

have completed the FAFSA application but still need help—call the center and ask to speak to a case manager regarding additional funding.

Funding is contingent upon availability.



### College Counts!

Where do you see yourself in 5 or 10 years?

Do you own a home or rent? Are you driving a new or used car? Do you have children? There are no right or wrong answers to these questions but now is the time to plan your future.

To see how much money you will need to earn, make a list of monthly expenses.

For example:

- Rent—\$600
- Car Payment—\$300
- Rental/Car Insurance—\$150
- Utilities—\$300
- Grocery/Home Goods—\$500
- Gasoline—\$200
- Clothing—\$200
- Entertainment—\$100
- TOTAL—\$2,350

Divide your total by 4 which will give you a weekly figure. Divide your weekly figure by 40 (hours per week) and that will give you the rate of pay you need to earn to afford all the items listed. The example hourly rate would be \$14.68. This of course is an estimate but it will give you a place to begin!! Good luck!

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**A good plan today  
is better than a  
perfect plan  
tomorrow.**

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### Help Name Our Newsletter!



Did You Know — The Daily Jeffersonian is the second oldest newspaper in Ohio dating back to 1824.

As you can see, I wasn't imaginative enough to name the newsletter. For some reason a mental block came over me whenever I attempted it so I am asking you to submit your ideas.

Be creative and fitting for youth/young adults. You can submit more than one idea and we will vote in the January issue and announce the winner in the April issue.

Send your ideas via phone, email, by mail, in person or carrier pigeon—however you wish!

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