



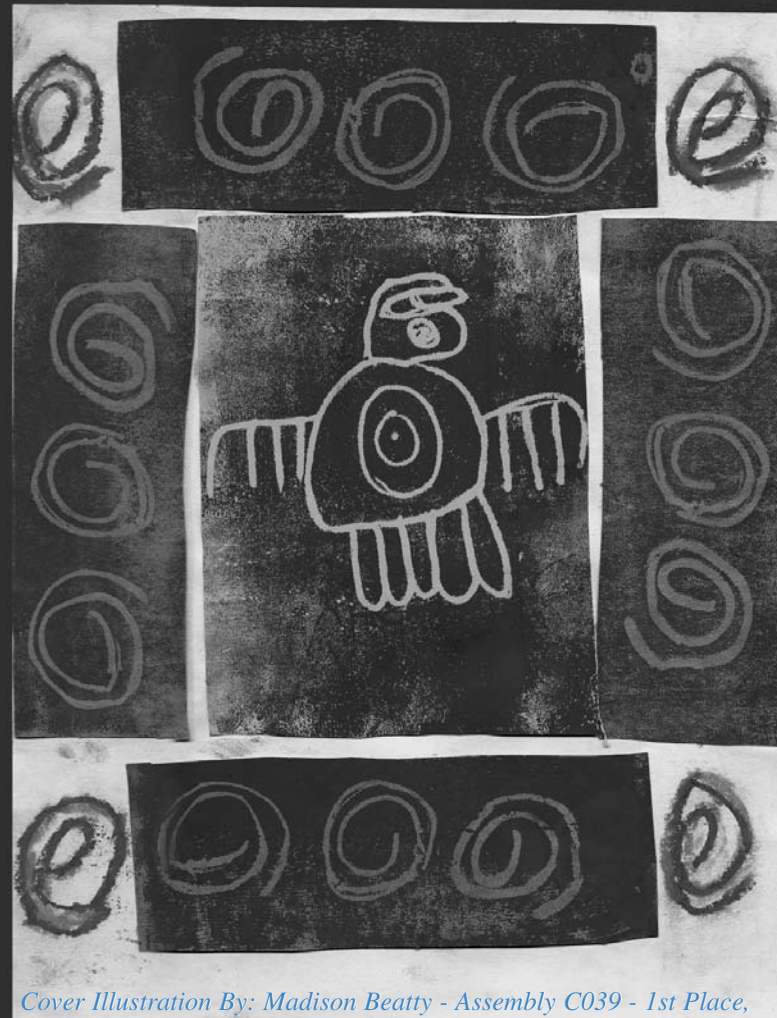
# Youth Circle



NSS Life  
*Family Matters...*



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## 2010 Youth Achievement Winner Aaron Cessna



Congratulations to Aaron Cessna who was chosen as the 2010 Youth Achievement winner. Aaron is a Junior at Boardman High School and the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center where he is studying Building Construction and Remodeling. He plans on attending the University of Cincinnati to study Construction Management. He is a member and officer of the Key Club, the Industrial Arts Club, Art Club, and Chess Club. Aaron has organized, run and taken part in hayrides for Boardman Park, tutored students at Stadium Elementary School, and has ushered for the Boardman Performing Arts Department. He also has helped raise funds for Angels for Animals, the Salvation Army, and Relay for Life.

For the past 3 years he participated in the English Festival sponsored by Youngstown State University. As a member of Assembly 731, Aaron is always ready to lend a hand for all assembly functions. He has participated with Join Hands Day, collecting for the Salvation Army, the Youth Convention and enjoys bowling with the NSS each year.

Aaron works for Five Guys Famous Burger and Fries in Boardman, where his outstanding work ethic is not only noticed by his co-workers, but by the managements and owners of the company. Each summer since he was 4, Aaron had been an excellent worker at Mahoning County's Canfield Fair. When he is not at work or school, he can be found helping his elderly neighbors, either shoveling snow, mowing lawns, raking leaves, or cleaning out a garage or basement.

NSS is proud to honor Aaron as the NSS Youth Achievement winner for 2010.

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## PVR Recipient Cody Topola Shares Accomplishment

Congratulations to Cody Topola, Assembly 004 of the NSS. He received the following letter from David Shepherd, Interim Assistant Dean at the University of Cincinnati.

Dear Cody:

It is a pleasure to send you the Dean's List certificate in recognition of your outstanding academic achievement during the 2009-2010 academic year. On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Center for Access and Transition, let me extend my sincere congratulations.

To be named to the Dean's list is particularly commendable and you may be proud of your accomplishment. As you can appreciate, this is a goal, to which many aspire, but few reach; you are part of an elite group.

We wish you continued success in your studies at the University of Cincinnati and look forward to recognizing and celebrating your future accomplishments.

The NSS and PVR Scholarship Committee is proud of your accomplishment. Keep up the good work.



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## Youth Circle

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*Joining  
Hands  
to  
Touch  
Lives*

# 2nd Quadrennial Youth Convention at Sawmill Creek Resort

The youths attending the 35th Annual Quadrennial Convention with their parents were acknowledged and introduced by President Blazek and were able to experience the NSS Memorial Service and the opening greetings of our 2010 NSS Convention. Afterwards, they were dismissed to a busy schedule set forth by our Activity Director.

Our Fraternal Activities Director, Karen Lynne Orban had arranged for them to have their own youth headquarters, which became known as the "Club House." Every day they had an agenda to follow filled with diversified activities, learning opportunities, arts & crafts, sporting events and a "ton of fun."

Thank you to Susan & Annie Ondrejco, Jim, Kathy, Jim Jr and Aaron Cessna for all their hard work and effort put forth to make this Youth Convention a huge success. Thank you to all the youth who attended! We hope you enjoyed your experience and we look forward to joining us at the 3rd Annual Youth Convention.

A special THANK YOU to Karen Lynne Orban for a job well done! Not only did she take care of all the delegates, she put extra time into scheduling activities for our youths. Their days were busier than the delegates and the parents were able to relax knowing the children were highly supervised.



## Our New Little Members



**Anthony J. Cherevka**

Anthony is the son of Jacob A. and Melissa Cherevka, Assembly 108 and the proud grandmother is Magdalene A. Semego.



**Samuel Cooper Lavin**

Samuel "Cooper" is the son of Danielle and Jeff Lavin, Assembly 434 and the grandson of Fran and President Dave Blazek.



Andrew Mikolaj, Assembly 0038 (90 years old) with his great-granddaughter Julia Woodling, member of Assembly C038.



## Two Busy Parents

Billy ran into the house shouting, "Mom! Mom! Come quick! I just knocked the ladder over outside!"

"I'm very, very busy," his mother said. "Why don't you get your father?"

"I can't! Come on!"

"Why? What's he doing now that's so important?"

"He's hanging from the roof!"

# 2010 POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

## *1st Place*

The View

*By Raquel Rhoads*

Keats (ages 5-7)  
Assembly #C377

I have the river in my sight  
But I cannot see it in the night  
We live along the Mon  
Where the riverboats roam  
I wouldn't trade this place  
For any other home

## *1st Place*

The Fight

*By Alexandria Ferrebee*

Frost (ages 14-16)  
Assembly #C588

My feelings are always held within,  
my heart blows away intertwined with  
wind.  
Tears are always left behind,  
sadness hides in the back of my mind.  
Acting like no one cares at all,  
no one catches me as I fall.  
I shatter and crack as I collide with ground,  
nothing but darkness,  
there is no sound.  
Trying hard to mend the pieces,  
sucking my life away like leeches.  
Tearing away strings to earn some free-  
dom,  
wondering why you really need'em.  
When someone you thought would be fair,  
stabs you in the back and pulls your hair.  
Scratches, hits, and punches on  
skin transparent,  
wounds are left, and the scars apparent.  
No one there to help get out,  
no one there to hear the shouts.  
The person who I thought would  
take my defense,  
is gone with the one who made the dents.  
Despair soon fills inside,  
so I sit hear the loneliness I confide.  
It's just me, myself, and only I,  
so I give up.  
Why even try?  
Because in this world I never win,  
thinking of happiness is a sin.  
Losing feeling, and losing sight,  
so it is here that I give up the fight.

## *1st Place*

Rainy Day

*By Blaze Farrell*

Angelou (ages 8-10)  
Assembly #C813

Patter, patter,  
Hear the sound,  
On the roof,  
And on the ground.  
Knocking upon the window pane,  
Hear the sound of the rain.  
Wet and cold outside,  
Warm and dry inside.  
Hear the music of the rain,  
Bouncing off the door frame.  
Patter, patter,  
It doesn't matter.  
I'll just play  
Inside today.

## *2nd Place*

The Circus

*By Anthony Strish*

Keats (ages 5-7)  
Assembly #C617

The circus came to our town  
The best thing I liked was the clown,  
His face was all brown  
and his name was J. Frown.  
When the circus was over  
I picked up a clover,  
and my mom drove her rover  
to our home in Dover.  
When I got inside  
I gave mom my surprise  
the clover.

## *2nd Place*

I Like to Read My Book

*By George Strish, IV*

Angelou (ages 8-10)  
Assembly #C617

I like to read my book,  
I read it sitting in a nook,  
Bees can sting me  
Dogs can bite me  
But I won't take my head  
Out of my book.

## *1st Place*

From a Tiger's Mind

*By Olivia Hayes*

Frost (ages 11-13)  
Assembly #C568

I'm trapped  
I'm trapped in a cage  
Forced to perform for these stupid flesh-  
bags  
Who cannot run, jump, and roar like I do.  
I could easily be rid of them  
And free to run, jump and roar  
to my heart's desire  
Without having to be bossed around  
By lower beings.  
But I am treated well,  
Fed good food,  
And able to live in a desirable place.  
So I will remain  
Trapped  
Trapped in a cage.



## *2nd Place*

Nature's Musical

*By Rachel Sims*

Frost (ages 11-13)  
Assembly #C110

Wind whistles in my ear,  
The trees want me to hear,  
Their sweet song.

On a lilly pad,  
A frog is very sad,  
So he croaks me a tune.

A rattlesnake's on the ground,  
Barely making a sound,  
But his rattle counts the beats.  
Then I head back to my house,  
And see a little mouse,  
Who squeaks to me a melody.

# 2010 POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

## 2nd Place

The Rose

*By Samantha Wesnaĸ*

Shakespeare (ages 14-16)

Assembly #C075

One day the rose shall bloom,  
One day late or one day soon,  
The bud will break,  
The petals shall spread,  
The smell shall reach,  
The innocent head.

One day the rose shall bloom,  
One day near but one day too,  
The seeds will rise,  
The stem shall grow,  
The thorns will break,  
The skin of the lone.

One day the rose shall bloom,  
One day quick or not so soon,  
The rose will open,  
Show it's true self,  
Bring out it's head,  
And it will open again.

## 3rd Place

Lego Car

*By Ben Ostrowski*

Keats (ages 5-7)

Assembly #C617

Start with a flat piece  
Add a windshield  
And steering wheel  
Bricks for the body,  
Wheels to go.  
Lego guy drives.



## 3rd Place

My Favorite Things

*By Emery D Anden, 1<sup>st</sup>*

Frost (ages 11-13)

Assembly #C377

X-Box is awesome  
PS-3 is cool  
But best of all I like going  
To the swimming pool

When it's hot outside  
And the sun is shining down  
I go for a swim  
And get rid of my frown

It makes my Mom happy  
That I am having fun  
And she knows I am a good swimmer  
Not like some



## 3rd Place

Seasons

*By Marie Strish*

Angelou (ages 8-10)

Assembly #C617

During the winter I like to dance  
Sometimes my horse who's name is Lance,  
Seems to fall into a trance  
And then he begins to prance.

During the spring I like to sing  
While I sit on my swing,  
Admiring my new ring  
That I got at the Burger King.

During the summer I like to cheer  
With the girls that live near,  
Some of the other girls showed fear  
So they got sent to the rear.

During the fall I like to go to the mall  
School starts and I hang with my friends in  
the hall,  
During gym we go out doors and play kick  
ball  
And that's all.

## 3rd Place

I Am

*By Stephanie Piccoletti*

Shakespeare (ages 14-16)

Assembly #C075

I am a friend  
I am the first hello  
I am a smile to your day  
I am bingo at the Veterans Hospital

I am a daughter  
I am my brothers' friend  
I am my cousin's best friend  
I am the great relationship with my family

I am ready for my future  
I am excited about life, especially after high  
school

I am the hot sand between my toes  
I am the heat from the yellow sun  
I am the salty wave in the ocean

I am a team player  
I am the competition  
I am every muscle in my body  
I am my broken toe on the hard stage  
I am ready for the heat of the lights  
I am the pressure

I am the snowfall on the white pine trees in  
Vermont

I am not black ice  
I am freshly fallen powder

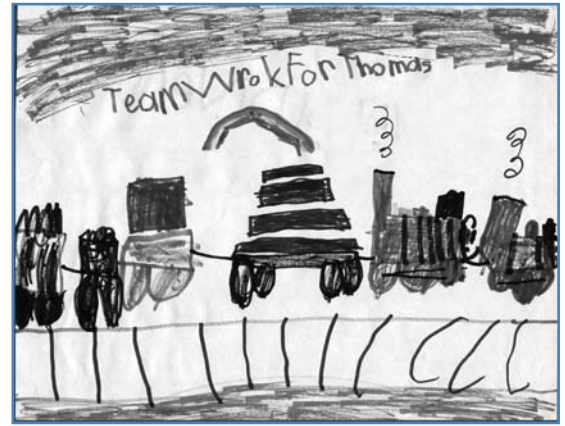
I am broken inside, but I won't let it control  
my life

I am not letting it hold me back  
I am and will be full of life  
I am my third heartbeat

# 2010 Art Winners



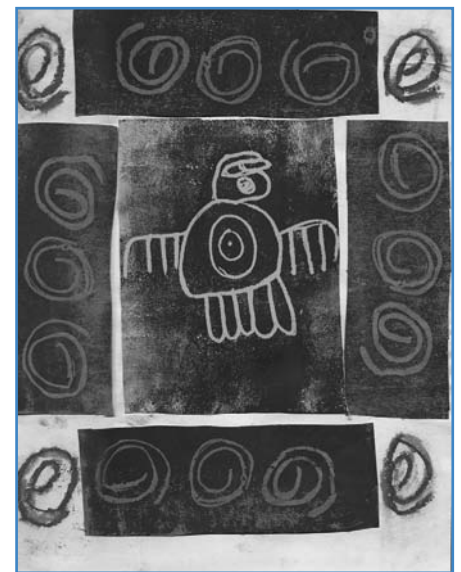
**Ella Woods - Assembly C434**  
1st Place Picasso Level



**Michael DiVencenzo - Assembly C731**  
2nd Place Picasso Level



**Garrett Shrontz - Assembly C588**  
3rd Place Picasso Level



**Madison Beatty - Assembly C039**  
1st Place Rembrandt Level



**Logan Hering - Assembly C554**  
2nd Place Rembrandt Level



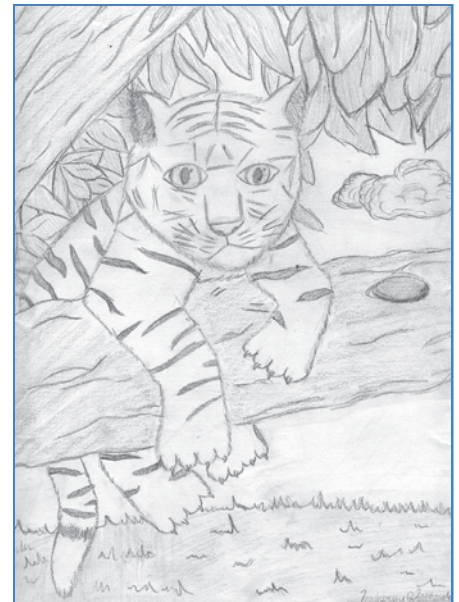
**Killian Stoker - Assembly C432**  
3rd Place Rembrandt Level



**Cariana Shultz - Assembly C102**  
1st Place Michelangelo Level



**Colton Shrontz - Assembly C588**  
2nd Place Michelangelo Level



**Katie Karkosiak - Assembly C070**  
3rd Place Michelangelo Level



**Jenna Cole - Assembly C434**  
1st Place Van Gogh Level



**Leanne Lovasz - Assembly L161**  
2nd Place Van Gogh Level



**Josephine Ostrowski - Assembly C617**  
3rd Place Van Gogh Level

## Fall Word Search

Find the fall words in the fall word search. The words can be forwards or backwards, vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Circle each letter separately, but keeping in mind that letters may be used in more than one word. When the fall word search puzzle is complete, read the remaining letters left to right, top to bottom, to learn an interest autumn fact.

W A R T H A N K S G I V I N G  
M S U N N E G N A H C Y D N A  
Y S O A N D C H I L O L I Y R  
B A C K T O S C H O O L B U E  
R T T N G N I K A R L O E T T  
E E O F R L E E Z A U T U M N  
M I B N G N U I F N G H Q T I  
M S E M Y A R F E G L T S H W  
U E R I E D E A R E L C E O E  
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T C D T W S E A S O N W C A E  
F C U L A R F A L L C N I O B  
A H A L L O W E E N L O P R S

After Summer  
Autumn  
Back to School  
Change  
Picturesque  
Thanksgiving

Leaves  
November  
October  
Colorful  
Season  
Halloween

Orange  
Cool  
Raking  
Red  
Falling  
Yellow



Please help this lady through the cooked turkey shaped maze to get the turkey to the dinner table.



## Halloween Word Scramble

Bbghilnoos \_\_\_\_\_  
AacejklInnort \_\_\_\_\_  
aefiknnnrst \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaailnnrstvy \_\_\_\_\_  
Emnorst \_\_\_\_\_  
lkmnppu \_\_\_\_\_  
Acceorrsw \_\_\_\_\_  
AaabcdegklInnor \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cemostu \_\_\_\_\_  
Aacdru \_\_\_\_\_  
Accdornny \_\_\_\_\_  
Aeehllnow \_\_\_\_\_  
Aeimprv \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE MAN OF THE HOUSE

Before he left on a business trip, the father took his young son aside.

“Son,” he said, “I’m trusting you to take care of the family while I’m gone. You’re going to be the man of the house.”

Comprehending the gravity of the situation, the child replied soberly, “In that case, I’m gonna need the remote.”

# 2010-2011

## 1st Year Scholarships



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 Processing



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 Marketing



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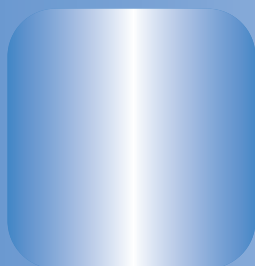
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 Physical Therapy



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**Rachel Molstre**  
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**Anthony Morris**  
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 The Pennsylvania State  
 University  
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 Pennsylvania  
 Nutrition & Dietetics



**Mannie Paine**  
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 Polymer & Fiber  
 Engineering



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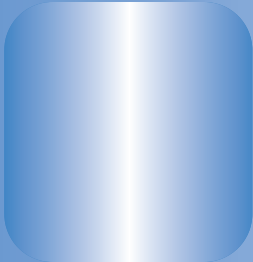
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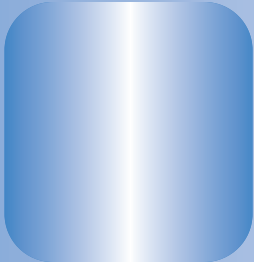
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# 2010-2011

*Special Awards go out to special people.*

*These awards go out to our youth members that not only study hard and get involved in activities in their school but also take unselfish time out to volunteer to help others.*



**Carolyn Brightman**  
 Assembly 700  
**Mary Mravec Award**  
 Marywood University  
 Physician Assistant



**Julia Marcheque**  
 Assembly 568  
**NSS National Director Award**  
 University of Southern California  
 Pre-Medical



**Mary Elise Esgro**  
 Assembly L075  
**Dr. John Gulash Award**  
 The Pennsylvania State University  
 Undecided



**Caroline Mackay**  
 Assembly 700  
**Burns Perpetual Award**  
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**Andrew Prevoznik**  
 Assembly L055  
**Czarney Perpetual Award**  
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## ANSWERS to Halloween Word Scramble

hobgoblins, ghosts, jackolantern, frankenstein, transylvania, monster, pumpkin, scarecrow, blackandorange, witch, warlock, black cats, bob for apples, trick or treat, costumes, dracula, candy corn, halloween, vampire.