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For the builders, everyone had his sword  
girded by his side, and so builded...  
Nehemiah 4:18a

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## 2007 BCSA Elementary Poetry Contest & Spelling Bee

On November 13th, seventy students from nine BCSA schools descended upon Zanesville Christian School—each prepared to compete in the annual Poetry Contest and Spelling Bee. The competition went smoothly; and the students did well and made it difficult for the judges to choose the winners. Nine students represented their school in the annual BCSA Elementary Spelling Bee which went to six rounds and thirty-nine words before a winner emerged. Schools represented this year were Bethel Baptist School, Fayette Christian School, Heritage Christian School, Licking County Christian Academy, Lima Christian Academy, Mentor Christian School, Northside Christian School, Wayside Christian School, and Zanesville Christian School. Thank you to everyone for their hard work in making the competition a huge success. May the Lord bless your efforts as you honor Him. Winners were as follows:

### KINDERGARTEN:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Anna Terhune-Buyer (FCS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Blake Whitney (NCS)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Anna Overton (LCCA)

### FIRST GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Hunter Preston (BBS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lauren Freeland (ZCS)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jacob Smetana (MCS)

### SECOND GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Janice Wilkinson (LCA)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Noah Potter (MCS)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Emily Gill (LCCA)

### THIRD GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Andrew Van Dan Berghe (HCS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ethan Conn (FCS)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Matthew Hibbert (MCS)

### FOURTH GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Malaika Sesay (NCS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephen Whited (LCA)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – James McLean (MCS)

### FIFTH GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kyle Johnson (LCCA)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mackenzie Leland (NCS)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thomas Harnetty (ZCS)

### SIXTH GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Matthew Beal (HCS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Abigail Sherrick (LCA)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nathan Hobi (MCS)

### SPELLING BEE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Amy Sheeter (FCS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brooke Preston (BBS)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Melody Boyer (ZCS)



## Sixty-three Seniors Graduate from BCSA Schools

On Saturday, May 19, 2007, **Bethel Baptist School** honored their only graduate and valedictorian of the class of 2007, Edward Lewis. His life verse is Psalms 91:4, “*He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His trust shall be thy shield and buckler.*” Pastor Jim Shihady was the commencement speaker. He challenged Mr. Lewis to “*Make His truth your truth.*”

Seven seniors graduated from **Heritage Christian School** in Findlay on Sunday, May 20, 2007. Dr. Ken Hay, Chairman of the Board of Directors for THE WILDS, was the commencement speaker. He used I Chronicles 28 as his text. Aaron Burk was valedictorian of the class and Ryan Yoder was the salutatorian.

Commencement exercises were held at two BCSA schools on Friday, May 25, 2007.

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## 2007 BCSA Graduates (continued from page 1)

**Lima Christian Academy** had five seniors graduate. Their class verse was Philippians 3:14, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The motto of the class was "Press on!"

Four graduates were honored at the Twenty-Seventh Commencement Exercises of **Zanesville Christian School**. Pastor Chris Brown was the speaker. His text was Isaiah 6:1-8 and emphasized that "A proper vision of God leads to a proper vision of self which leads to a proper vision of ministry." Joshua Hutson was the valedictorian and Joel

Harris was salutatorian. The class verse was Psalms 37:23-24, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."

Two schools held their commencement exercises on Saturday, May 26, 2007. **Wayside Christian School** honored nine graduates. Dr. David Head, Academic Principal of Baptist Academy in Indi-

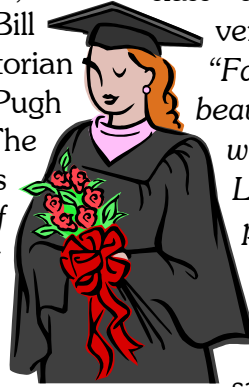
anapolis, was the commencement speaker. He challenged the class to "Continue learning through books, The Book, experience, and people." Bill Spaulding was valedictorian of the class and Bobby Pugh was the salutatorian. The class verse was Proverbs 4:18, "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

In Heath, sixteen graduates were honored at **Licking County Christian Academy** where Pastor Mark Monte was the commencement speaker. Their class verse was Proverbs 23:12, "Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge." Lauren Ray, Kara Romine, and Emily Walsh shared the honor of class valedictorian and Ashlie Martindale was salutatorian.

Commencement exercises were held at two BCSA schools on Friday, June 1st. Pastor Gordon Dickson of Calvary Baptist Church in Findlay was the commencement speaker at **Fayette Christian School's** graduation ceremonies. Alyson Harris and Angela Harris shared the honor of class valedictorian. Each of the five graduates is attending a Bible college.

Seven seniors graduated from **Mentor Christian**

**School**. Mr. Jeffrey Houck, Principal, was the commencement speaker. The all female class chose for their class verse Proverbs 31:30, "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Ashley Shannon was the class valedictorian and Joy Wisner was salutatorian.



On Friday, June 8, 2007, **Northside Christian School** in Westerville held its Twenty-Eighth Commencement service with nine graduates. Pastor Paul Hamilton, the father of one of the graduates, spoke at the graduation. He spoke from Psalm 101 and challenged the graduates to proclaim "I will live with integrity before God." Erin Prinsen was valedictorian of the class and Wesley Hill was salutatorian. The class verse was Philippians 4:6, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."





## 2007 BCSA 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

*Judy Crowe, Tournament Director*



The BCSA Division I & II Soccer & Volleyball Tournament was held at Lima Christian Academy on October 26th and 27th. This year all the soccer teams were in one division and played six-man soccer. The tournament actually started the preceding Tuesday with playoff games in which Fayette went against Wayside and Licking County (LCCA) played Heritage. Both Wayside and Licking County advanced.

Friday's soccer results found Lima a winner over the Warriors of Wayside in the first game followed by what must have been a surprise to many: the Eagles of Licking County upset perennial powerhouse Zanesville, 4-3, after trailing 3-1 at half-time.

Saturday morning found wet and chilly conditions, and the games moved to the upper field in order to gain better footing for the players. The Warriors of Zanesville conquered Wayside in the consolation game 10-3. Earlier in the regular season Lima had barely edged out LCCA, 5-4, so all were expecting a close contest in the championship match. The Eagles scored first against Lima with a penalty kick within the first ten minutes, but this only seemed to galvanize Lima's squad of mostly seniors to action. Off a rebound, a striking fullback headed in the Lions' first goal, and the momentum began to swing Lima's way. By the end of the championship game, Lima had scored seven more times to win by the final score of 8-1.



### *THE FINAL STANDINGS FOR SOCCER WERE AS FOLLOWS:*

- 1<sup>ST</sup>—LIMA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
- 2<sup>ND</sup>—LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
- 3<sup>RD</sup>—ZANESVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- SPORTSMANSHIP—WAYSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Volleyball Tournaments started bright and early on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00

AM and went very late Friday night. The last match was scheduled to start at 8:00 PM, but with such good volleyball all day long, we were behind schedule. The last match did not end until 10:45 PM!



After the first round of competition in Division I, Zanesville and LCCA would play with the hopes of getting to the championship match after Wayside and Heritage fell to the loser bracket. LCCA was defeated by Zanesville in a very hard fought match, 11-25, 25-19, and 25-23. LCCA fell to the loser bracket to face the Wayside Warriors, who had been victorious against the Minutemen of Heritage. On Saturday morning, both games of the match were close, but Wayside fell to LCCA, 25-18 and 25-20, to set up the championship match between the ZCS Warriors and the Eagles from LCCA. The Eagles took an

11 to 5 lead in the first game; Zanesville then came back and tied the game at 18 all. However, LCCA took control and won the game 25-19. During the second game of the match, the lead went back and forth until Zanesville was leading 18-16, but Tori Snow racked up seven unanswered points for LCCA to take the lead 23-18. LCCA went on to win 25-20, which required a repeat of the championship match as both Zanesville and LCCA had one loss in the double elimination tournament. This is the way tournament championships should be! In their third match-up of the tournament, LCCA proved too tough for Zanesville, defeating the Warriors in two very competitive games, 25-20 and 25-22.

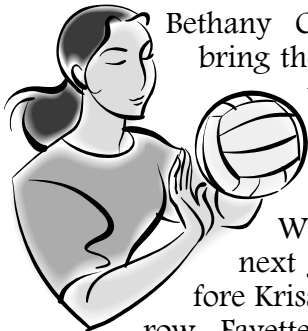
Winners going into the second round in Division II included LCCA and Fayette who faced the first and second seeded teams Lima and Zanesville respectively. Fayette was defeated by Zanesville, and then met Northside who had lost to LCCA. Fayette advanced to meet LCCA, who



## Division I & II Tournaments (Continued from page 3) ...

lost to Lima, but had won against Heritage. It looked like this was going to be an easy match for LCCA as they won the first game 25-13. However, the Crusaders of Fayette came back with a 25-21 win in the second game. The third game of the match, Fayette started out with a 3-0 lead, but the Eagles of LCCA closed the gap to 13-12. The Crusaders went on to win the game 25-18. In the third round, the Lions from Lima were matched against the Zanesville Warriors. The Lions jumped out to an early lead of 3-0, but Zanesville scored eight unanswered points. Lima came as close as 23-21, but lost the game 25-21. The second game of the match was a different story. The Lions led the game the whole way with the Warriors getting as close as 17-15, but then Krissy Cave of Lima scored seven unanswered points to make it 24-15. Lima finished the game off with a score of 25-16. The third game of the match, went back and forth and was tied at 15-15. The Lions were able to take the lead 17-16, but never saw it again, losing 25-22. This placed Lima in the loser bracket to meet Fayette Saturday morning where the winner would advance to the championship game.

Wow—what an exciting game the first game turned out to be! Lima took an 18-5 lead, appearing to be cruising for a victory, but the Crusaders came roaring back. Captain Bethany Conn posted eight points to bring the Crusaders within 5 points of the lead. Fayette went on to take the lead by a score of 23-22; but the Lions squeaked out the win 28-26. What a start to the day! The next game was very close, 8-6, before Krissy Cave scored nine points in a row. Fayette never recovered from there and lost to Lima 25-12.



Now for the championship, it was Lima against Zanesville again. The first game was close all the way through, tied at 18-18 before Zanesville went on to win 25-20. The second game started out with Lima behind 2-5, but then the Lions took the lead 8-6, which was the closest point spread Zanesville would have, losing 25-18. In the third game of the match, Zanesville led 1-0, but never had the lead again, losing 25-14. Here we go again: another rematch for the championship. Lima was able to win the first game 25-21, but the tide turned the next game. The Lions managed a short-lived lead of 11-6; but then Zanesville scored ten points in a row, roaring back to win 25-13. Points went back and forth at the start of the third game until Zanesville scored seven points in a row to make it 10-5 Zanesville. Lima kept inching their way back, but the Warriors still had a 23-18 lead. Amazingly, with senior Amber Sherrick serving, the Lions took the lead 24-23. The Warriors tied it up at 24-24, but Lima won out 26-24. What a great way to finish the championship game—the victor determined right at the end!



### VOLLEYBALL ALL-TOURNAMENT

#### TEAMS:

#### DIVISION I

JESSI DEARTH (ZCS)  
SARAH HANKE (WCS)  
HANNAH LATIOLAIS (LCCA)  
DANA MEDICH (ZCS)  
BRITANI RICKER (HCS)  
ALLISON THOMPSON (ZCS)  
TORI SNOW (LCCA)—**MVP**  
HOLLY WYRICK (LCCA)—**MVP**

#### DIVISION II

MELISSA ANDERSON (NCS)  
KAYLA ARNOLD (FCS)  
KORINNE BURGESS (LCCA)  
JENNIFER LEWIS (ZCS)  
RACHEL LONG (HCS)  
MONICA LUCAS (ZCS)  
KRISSEY CAVE (LCA)—**MVP**

### THE FINAL STANDINGS FOR VOLLEYBALL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

#### DIVISION I

1<sup>ST</sup>—LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
2<sup>ND</sup>—ZANESVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
3<sup>RD</sup>—WAYSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
SPORTSMANSHIP—HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

#### DIVISION II

1<sup>ST</sup> AND SPORTSMANSHIP—LIMA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
2<sup>ND</sup>—ZANESVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
3<sup>RD</sup>—FAYETTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Once again, congratulations to all the players who did their best, and thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make this year's tournaments a success.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

BCSA is committed to helping our churches and schools pay the price of “eternal vigilance” which is the price of freedom.

If you would like a detailed list of legislative items we are monitoring, please visit [www.BCSAschools.org](http://www.BCSAschools.org). This list is updated weekly as needed.

There is also a list of federal legislation at [www.AACS.org](http://www.AACS.org).

### TRIBAL CASINO HALTED IN LIMA

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma continues its efforts to open one or more casinos in Ohio. After more than a year of negotiations, the tribe presented the Lima City Council with an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that lists details about the development of a casino on Allen County land surrendered to the tribe.

Residents of Lima and surrounding areas heard about the IGA and started complaining to Lima authorities. In August, Lima Mayor David Berger requested that the Council reject the agreement, so the proposal did not go into effect. However, the mayor invited the tribe to continue discussions that could eventually lead to a new agreement.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe has negotiated agreements with other cities in Ohio, but thus far no definite plans for building a casino have been developed. The whole issue is really an affront to Ohio voters. Three times Ohio voters have soundly defeated referendums on casino gambling (the last one in 2006). The state constitution does not allow casino gambling, yet the Eastern Shawnee Tribe is trying to use federal Indian laws to get their way.

Pro-family advocates must remain vigilant as Indian tribes and the gaming industry continue their efforts to introduce casino-style gambling into our state. The American Policy Roundtable has led the effort to defeat gambling proposals in Ohio. For more information on this issue, visit their website: [www.APRoundtable.org](http://www.APRoundtable.org). (This article was reprinted with permission from *The Eagle* Newsletter—Volume 9, Issue 4.)

### MORATORIUM DECLARED ON ASSESSMENT

On December 12 H.B. 24 was approved by the Ohio General Assembly. This bill prohibits a

watershed conservancy district that includes all parts of 16 counties from levying or collecting an assessment until January 1, 2009. H.B. 24 is aimed at the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD), the only district that meets the bill’s “16 county” stipulation. MWCD has been criticized because its assessment (really a tax) does include exemption for non-profit organizations such as churches and youth camps.

The assessment, the first for MWCD, is intended to raise \$210 million over 20 years to repair 14 dams and reservoirs. Up to \$135 million would be used to fix the Zoar levee and four dams (Beach City, Bolivar, Dover and Mohawk) that are in most need of repair.

H.B. 24 allows property owners who have been denied exceptions by MWCD to have the Ohio Supreme Court review their cases. The bill gives the General Assembly additional time (until June 30, 2008) to consider the revision of statutes pertaining to conservancy districts.

MWCD is of course quite disappointed with the passage of H.B. 24. Executive Director John Hoopingarner told the district’s Board that “we are certainly disheartened that the General Assembly has taken this action because we are keenly aware of the need to begin work on major projects in the district.” On December 14, the MWCD Board approved a resolution that authorizes the district’s administration to take any steps necessary to protect the interests of the MWCD and its residents. Hoopingarner said “we must find common ground that allows this important work to move forward.”

It is our hope that an exemption will be put in place for nonprofits within the conservancy district.

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MWCD's needs are justifiable, but the district's Board needs to honor the longstanding tradition of tax exemption for nonprofit/charitable groups. We need to follow developments on this issue as the one-year moratorium proceeds. (This article was reprinted with permission from *The Eagle* Newsletter—Volume 10, Issue 1.)

### **BAN ON SLOT MACHINES APPROVED**

On October 25, H.B. 177 became law in Ohio. This bill mainly deals with horse racing permits, but an important amendment was added that tightens definitions for "slot machines" (which are illegal) and "skill-based amusement machines" (which are legal). Previous Ohio law defined a slot machine as

one having an outcome "determined largely or wholly by chance." This gave gambling proponents a mechanism to skirt the law by claiming their game machines required some skill to play.

The new law redefines a slot machine as one that awards cash or prizes valued at more than \$10. H.B. 177 states that skill-based amusement machines (typically found in game arcades) may not give cash awards and may only award prizes with a cash value of \$10 or less.

It is pleasing that H.B. 177 passed by large margins in both the House (86-10) and Senate (26-7). We also appreciate Gov. Strickland's strong support on this issue. (This article was reprinted with permission from *The Eagle* Newsletter—Volume 10, Issue 1.)

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## **2007 BCSA Junior High Soccer & Volleyball Tournament**

*Earl & Matt Smith, Tournament Directors*

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The 2007 BCSA Junior High Volleyball and Soccer Tournaments were held at Wayside Christian School in Bucyrus on Saturday, October 20th. The weather was beautiful and it was definitely a great way to end the fall sports season for the junior high teams. The following teams participated in the volleyball tournament: Heritage Christian School, Licking County Christian Academy, Lima Christian Academy, Northside Christian School, and Wayside Christian School. Each team played well and gave their fans reason to cheer throughout the tournament. The first round games in the double elimination format saw Northside defeat Heritage and Lima defeat LCCA which matched Lima up with Wayside. Wayside was the winner over the Lions of Lima and advanced to play Northside. In the losers bracket, LCCA Eagles defeated Heritage and advanced to play Lima for the second time. The Lions of Lima once again came out on top. The

two unbeaten teams then faced off with Northside coming out on top over Wayside. The Wayside Warriors then defeated Lima for the right to advance to the championship match against unbeaten Northside. The Lions of Northside took care of business in the first match to win the BCSA Junior High Volleyball Championship. Wayside finished second while Lima placed third and also won the Sportsmanship trophy.



The following teams participated in the single elimination six-man soccer tournament: Heritage Christian School, Licking County Christian Academy, Lima Christian Academy, and Wayside Christian School. All the teams played well and provided some exciting soccer action. In the first round, Lima defeated Wayside and Licking County defeated Heritage Christian. Wayside defeated the Heritage Minutemen in the consolation game to take third place. In an exciting championship game, the Lions of Lima came from behind to defeat the LCCA Eagles and win the BCSA Junior High Soccer Championship trophy. The Minutemen of Heritage won the Sportsmanship trophy. Thanks to everyone who helped make the tournament a success!

*I believe that a true winner  
always does his best,  
never to the glory of self,  
but always to the glory of God.  
Colossians 3:23*