Atlas Butler Awards

STRENGTH IN SERVICE

A scholarship program for high school students

Atlas Butler Heating & Cooling, White Castle, College Advantage and ThisWeek Community Newspapers are recognizing exemplary students who represent their school and community by demonstrating hard work and strength of service.

Throughout the 2011-12 school year, Atlas Butler's panel of judges will select 10 monthly nominees, who are featured in their respective ThisWeek communities. A $250 award will be provided in the student's name to a local classroom of the teacher of the nominee's choice.

All selected monthly nominees are featured on ThisWeekNEWS.com. Over the course of the nine-month school year, 90 nominees are selected. Each nominee becomes eligible for an annual prize: three Atlas Butler students of the year, $2,500; five first-place winners, $1,000 each; and 15 honorable mentions, $500 each. To read other students' profiles or to nominate your student, visit www.AtlasButlerAwards.com. Nominations close on the 15th of each month. Help our panel decide winners on Facebook from the 17th to the 23rd of each month.

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Westerville North's Boggs is Atlas Butler Award winner

Mason Boggs
Senior at Westerville North High School
Nominated by: Patti Wilson
Class with A: AP Physics
Teacher of winning classroom: Dave Weaner

Mason is co-captain of the Westerville North Ultimate Frisbee team. As part of that team he helped organize the first ever Youth Ultimate Frisbee League in Westerville through cooperation with Westerville Parks and Recreation. He is working to get kids active in a new sport. He has also helped do clinics for a middle school, two elementary schools and helped present at the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance State Convention. He is doing his part to decrease childhood obesity, when schools are eliminating a very important part of a students overall education program, physical education.

Founders Day committee to honor grand marshals with special bricks

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The Founders Day committee is purchasing commemorative bricks from the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society to honor all past Founders Day parade grand marshals.

Community Connection awards recipients also will be honored.

The commemorative bricks will be placed on the front walk at the Ealy House on Dublin-Granville Road, which was restored by the historical society. The historical society is selling the bricks for $50 apiece and using the funds for maintenance and upkeep of the Ealy House.

"It is to memorialize and honor those who have been a part of Founders Day since 1976," said Beckie Knore, a Founders Day committee member. "And how appropriate, since the historical society started Founders Day."

Founders Day is the annual celebration of the founding of New Albany by Noble Landon and William Yantis in 1837. The historical society launched the event in 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial celebration.

This year's celebration will be held Saturday, May 19.

Each year, the Founders Day committee chooses one or more people to serve as grand marshal of the Founders Day parade. Jenny Sage, the Founders Day committee secretary, said in 2008, the committee also began recognizing a nonprofit organization that makes a difference in the community with the Community Connection award.

Last year's grand marshal was Marjorie Bevelhymer. The Community Connection recipient was New Albany Special Connections.