

After educating lo-  
for more than 150  
s, St. Joseph Catho-  
School will more than  
ly be closing it's doors  
good.  
With the closing of the  
ool year, the St. Joseph

School Futures Commit-  
tee has been meeting to  
discuss the feasibility of  
keeping the facility open.  
School officials called in a  
third-party consultant to  
consider the costs of run-  
ning the school.  
"Given all the factors,  
he (the consultant) will  
not recommend that the  
school remain open af-

ter the 2010-2011 school  
year, since its lack of vi-  
ability will put the parish  
in danger of bankruptcy,"  
the Rev. Patrick Slonecker  
wrote to parishioners last  
week.  
Futures Committee  
members met Thursday to  
further discuss the school's  
financial situation, and  
took into consideration

the study conducted by  
Strategic Leadership Asso-  
ciates Inc., as well as a pa-  
rish-wide survey and focus  
group meetings of church  
leaders, schools leaders,  
school parents and former  
school parents.  
"It is becoming appar-  
ent that St. Joseph School  
must close," Slonecker  
said.

Now, the question  
seems to be when.  
Slonecker said it is the  
hope of church officials  
that "if all stakeholders re-  
main committed" St. Joe  
will be able to stay open  
for one more school year.  
The pastor said he  
hopes the school "will be  
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# Members of service fuel firefighter

By JENNIFER TANGEMAN  
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Whether he's on the clock or taking  
t in one of his various volunteer ven-  
es, Jeff Reichelderfer can be found  
spending most of his  
time helping others.



Reichelderfer



Through The Looking Glass

One obvious way  
the Cridersville man  
lends a hand is by  
fighting fires and sav-  
ing lives.  
Reichelderfer said  
he has been involved  
with the Cridersville  
Fire Department since  
1993, when he was  
15-years-old.  
"Cridersville has a  
cadet program, for kids  
to ride along to see if  
that's what they want  
to do," Reichelderfer  
said.

For Reichelderfer, he knew at an even  
lunger age that fighting fires is what he  
nted to do. He explained his father was  
volunteer firefighter for Cridersville for  
years.

"Back then I thought it was kind of  
ol, and I always wanted to help peo-  
e," Reichelderfer said. "Riding along as  
cadet didn't really feel much different  
cause I grew up around it."

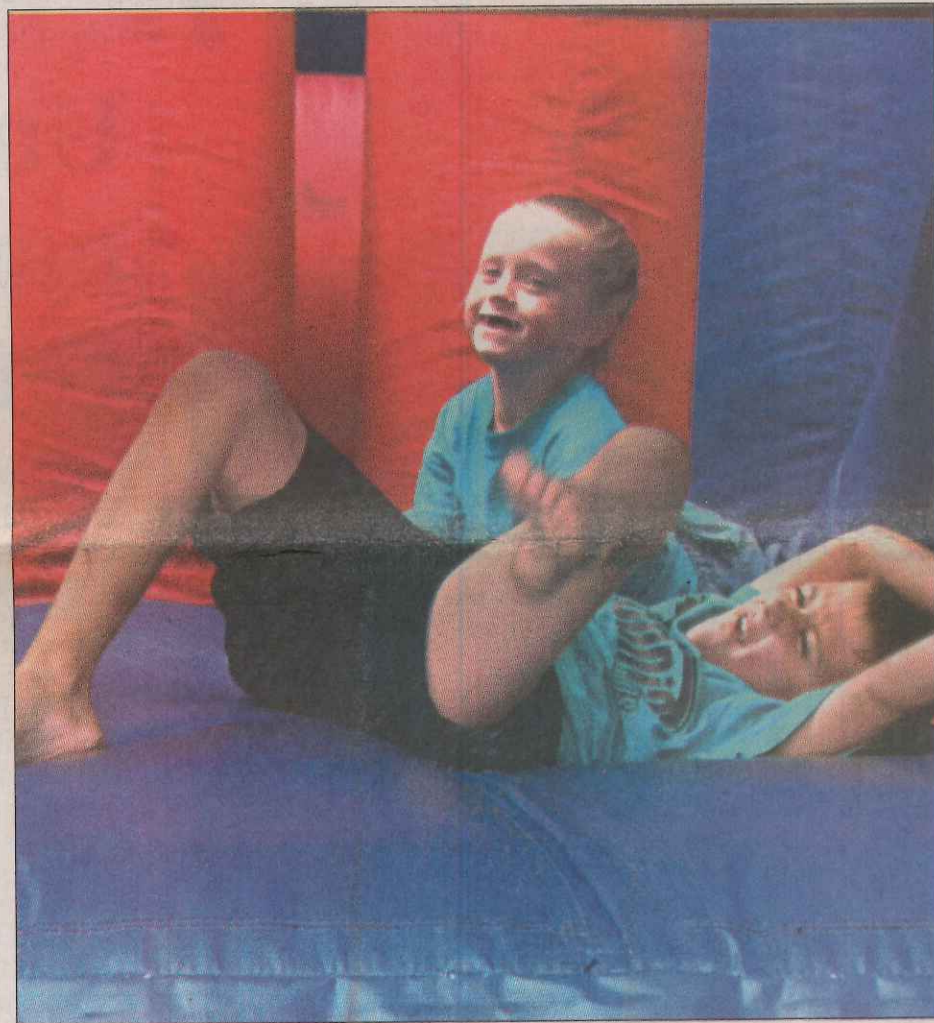
Reichelderfer said he can remember a  
ne as a young child when his father was  
ne for days at "the big refinery fire."

"I thought it was cool because I was  
al little then and didn't realize what  
nger could be involved," the firefighter  
d.

Another fire that stood out in Re-  
elderfer's mind is one he was involved  
fighting personally. The fire captain re-

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## Tumbling two-some



A pair of Centennial Elementary School children romp in an inflatable at the school Friday as part of a carnival, or field day, at the school to help celebrate the hard work of the children prior to the summer break. With several calamity days and construction delaying the start of school, students must attend class through June 14.

Staff photo/Krista Hayes

## Top student enters bio-engineering

By MEGAN VEIT  
News Correspondent

Now that classes are finished  
and plans for bio-engineering  
studies are set, only one thing  
can shake Wapakoneta High  
School's valedictorian.

"I'm very nervous to give  
my speech," Alexis Salsbury  
said with light laugh.

She will be the last student

to address the class of 2010  
during Saturday's commence-  
ment.

If her speech is  
anything like the rest  
of her schoolwork,  
she should have no  
trouble writing it.

The Academic  
Team member said  
she's never been in a class she  
did not enjoy. While she liked

English and even won the Laws  
of Life Essay Contest at the re-  
gional and state lev-  
els, it was math that  
won her over.

"Since I've always  
been interested in  
math, I figured I'd  
be well suited for  
bio-engineering,"



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Alexis Salsbury

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**ODDS & ENDS**  
MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — It's not just the  
picture of beef on a new billboard in North Carolina  
that tries to catch drivers' attention, it's the aroma  
coming from the sign.  
The billboard on N.C. 150 in central North  
Carolina emits the smell of black pepper and  
charcoal to promote a new line of beef available at  
the Bloom grocery chain.  
The billboard shows a fork piercing a piece of  
meat. A Bloom spokeswoman says the billboard  
will emit scents from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
to 7 p.m. every day until June 18.

**GEORGE JOSE OUT**  
After making it to the semi-final round,  
George Jose missed on his second word of  
the day. He spelled the word correctly, but he  
did not capitalize the first letter.  
Jose spelled correctly the word "fughetta"  
is a musical term. He then was given  
the word "Aufgabe" which is an annual  
publication of poetry.  
Anamika Veeramani, an eighth-grader at  
Incarnate Word Academy in North Royalton,  
Ohio, earned the spelling bee championship  
Friday evening.

**HOMETOWN**  
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called answering the call for a house fire on Thanksgiving day in 2001.

"I guess the big thing it was Thanksgiving," Reichelderfer said. "And a fellow firefighter pulled the homeowner out and she lived through it."

"It's always amazing, anything is great when you can help save a life," he said.

Reichelderfer also is a trained paramedic. He works full-time for the American Township Fire Department aside from volunteering for Cridersville.

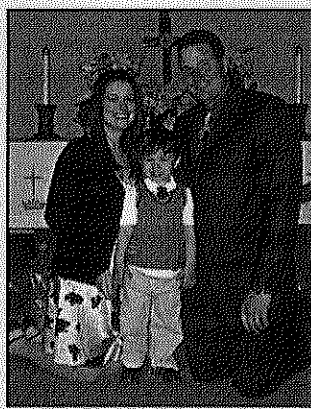
The Cridersville man said he initially thought he would pursue a career in elementary education following high school, but realized firefighting was in his blood.

Now, he still gets to work with youth through fire prevention education at local schools.

"I still get to teach the kids, it's just fire related," Reichelderfer said.

The man's son, 3-year-old Rylan, is starting to prove that firefighting and helping others might actually be in the family blood line.

Reichelderfer said his son's understanding of his job is primarily that he helps others in a time of



Jeff Reichelderfer, his wife, Melanie, and son, Rylan, pose for a picture. The couple is involved in youth ministry as well.

need. "He loves the fire part of it, and swears that's what he's going to do when he gets bigger," Reichelderfer said. "He always asks me, 'Did you go help?'"

The father said Rylan is always the first to lend a hand and if one of his cousins is injured while playing, Rylan is the first to play paramedic and grab the Band-Aids.

"He has to be the one to help, so he's in that mindset already," Reichelderfer said.

Another way Reichelderfer works with children — and some would argue it's another way he saves lives — is through youth ministry at Cridersville United Methodist Church.



Reichelderfer and his wife, Melanie, have been directing the youth programs at the church for the past 10 years.

"The kids are like our family, so, I guess I have like 41 kids instead of just one," Reichelderfer said.

The couple works with youth in grades five through senior year in high school in ministry, community service work and fun trips. The Cridersville man said he has found the work to be rewarding.

"I think it's just knowing that kids can go and talk to you if they are having problems, and for them to get closer to Christ," Reichelderfer said. "I think the greatest thing is to see them change and grow into being Christians."

The director said the group takes a fun trip to Lakeside every year and hosts a back-to-school blast with a Slip-N-Side and shaving cream fight.

The group also partakes in more serious activities like experiencing homelessness for a night and serving food at local food pantries.

"It opens their eyes that they should appreciate what they have and to help others that are in need," Reichelderfer said. "Kids nowadays, they get a lot of things handed to them. This teaches them to appreciate what they have."

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the varsity swimmer said of her enrollment in the University of Toledo's program.

"Everyone I talked to says it's the toughest major on campus," Salsbury said.

She's not letting that shake her.

"I always tried to push myself," Salsbury said.

Salsbury has been pushing herself hard since she entered high school. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while opting out of a study hall and into an overloaded schedule.

Her goal wasn't to be valedictorian.

"I didn't have any expectations," Salsbury said of her approach to the class ranking system. She said it was more important to challenge herself.

The scholar-athlete challenged herself to get involved in the medical field as well.

"I've always been interested in the medical field," Salsbury said. "I always wanted to help people, but I wasn't sure how."

To figure that out, she went for every opportunity she could find.

She is Red Cross certified in CPR/AED administration and standard first aid. For three summers, she has volunteered at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima. This past year, Salsbury participated in the Congressional Student Leadership Conference on Medicine in Chicago.

"I learned a lot about health care and how to interact with patients," Salsbury said of her time in Chicago.

That time also gave her a preview of what living away from the family would be like. The daughter of daughter of Joyce and Mark Salsbury said she's ready for the change.

It may be a little more

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difficult for her family.

"I'm not ready at all. I'm sad to see her go," her mother said with a smile and glance at her daughter.

A photo hanging on the living room wall shows the graduate with her sister, Makenna Salsbury, freshman. The two have danced together for nearly a decade.

The open, inviting atmosphere of Toledo campus and the option to stay at the university for medical school is making the transition easier on everyone.

"It was the main reason I chose it," the W Club member said.

The decision was made even easier when she was offered a full ride.

Another key factor in her decision was the university offers a co-op program.

Salsbury will gain even more field experience while earning her degree.

"You get a lot of exposure — it opens a lot of doors," the Octagon Club member said.

Before heading to Toledo in the fall, Salsbury will return to her volunteer work at St. Rita's Medical Center and her lifeguarding job at the outdoor pool.

She's trying to add third job at a physician's office, and maybe even time for a forgotten hobby.

Salsbury said she enjoys reading, "but with my schedule ..."

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able to continue its mission to teach as Jesus did for one more year, so that our community can begin to celebrate and commemorate its rich legacy with dignity and respect."

Slonecker said a number of variables have led to the state of the school today.

He named them as "a smaller pool of available students, decreasing enrollment, increasing economic costs in a depressed economic climate, poor pastoral leadership and changing parental values, to name a few."

He explained next year the school has a projected budget of \$445,100 to educate 50 children. That sum includes a projected \$209,650 of direct parish subsidy.

He said a plan to remain open would have to include dramatically increasing the number of students — despite the fact that parish records indicate a declining number of baptisms — increasing tuition significantly or substantially increasing school fundraising.

Futures Committee members also discussed keeping the school open

as a pre-school and kindergarten through fourth grade center.

Slonecker said keeping the school open would be a "huge risk." Even if funding was raised for the next three to five years, he said, other issues like not having enough students would still exist.

St. Joseph Pastoral Council members plan to make a recommendation to Slonecker at their meeting June 17, and officials will have a better understanding of attendance for next school year at the July 1 registration deadline.

"The situation with St. Joseph School is not as clear as we would like it," Slonecker said. "Things could change."

"It is with great sorrow that St. Joseph Parish faces this most difficult decision," he said. "With joy and thanksgiving, we give thanks for the countless sacrifices and great generosity of parents and parishioners who work to make St. Joseph School possible."

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There was a three-way tie for second. Adrian Gunawan, 14, of Arlington Heights, Ill.; Elizabeth Platz, 13, of Shelbina, Mo.; and Shantanu Srivatsa, 13, of West Fargo, N.D., were all eliminated in the same round.

Anamika survived the round by spelling "juvia" — a Brazil nut — and then had to wait for a nerve-

didn't deserve it," said Elizabeth, the finalist from Missouri and one of the four spellers who spelled a word correctly before the round was stopped. "I think it was unfair."

Elizabeth's remarks were greeted with applause from parents in the hotel ballroom where the bee is held.

It's one of the pitfalls of

was too many for prime-time. But when the round turned out to be brutal — nine of the first 13 misspelled — ABC was on the verge of having too few.

"I don't feel bad at all for giving these children the opportunity," bee director Paige Kimble said. "Do I wish we could give it to 19? Yes, certainly, but that's not practical in a two-

do." Kimble stressed that the move was within the rules and that the round would pick up where it left off. Only the spellers remaining at the end of the round would officially be declared finalists.

Still, the episode renewed the debate over whether the bee has come too close to selling its soul

Code	Group	Description	Price	Change
INDU	-	DJ INDU AVERAGE	9,931.97	-323.31
SPX	-	S&P 500 INDEX	1,064.88	-87.95
COMPQ	-	NASDAQ COMPOSITE	2,219.17	-83.86
CVS	NYSE CONSL	CVS CAREMARK CRP	33.79	-1.27
AMAT	NASDAQ	APPLIED MATL	12.56	-0.47
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JPM	NYSE CONSL	JPMORGAN CHASE	37.62	-1.48
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BOBE	NASDAQ	BOB EVANS	27.01	-1.10
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