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Entertainment & Life

## Around Town: Jackson senior earns scholarship to study in China

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Logan Webster has been selected to study Mandarin in China this summer through a National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship. The NSLI-Y is a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is a full scholarship; the family only had to pay for his passport and personal spending money for the six weeks.

Logan will be a senior at Jackson High School in the fall. He was selected out of more than 3,300 applications from throughout the United States and is one of 660 students who will study Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Persian, Russian or Turkish overseas this school year. While in China, Logan will receive formal language instruction, live with a host family and experience the local culture as part of the immersion environment.

When asked to what he was most looking forward, Logan replied, "I am looking forward to living with a Chinese host family and also meeting the other NSLI-Y participants from around the United States. I am also looking forward to immersing myself in another culture and seeing other people's perspectives."

His parents, Jeremy and Sue Webster, added, "This is a dream come true for Logan. This has been something he has wanted to achieve since he was in sixth grade when he bought his own Rosetta Stone Chinese Language book with his report card money. He has worked hard in learning the Chinese language and we are so proud and excited for this opportunity for him. We are also so thankful for the support he has gotten from his teachers. His Chinese teacher has given him a lot of information and has provided him with the 'tools' he will need for this experience."

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The MacDowell Music Club has awarded scholarships to high school students who have graduated and plan to major in music in college.

The winners were Spencer Withnell, winner of the \$3,000 Ethel Pritz scholarship, the club's highest award; Nathaniel Clevinger, winner of the \$2,500 Gladys Lazarus scholarship; Kaylee Sharis, winner of the \$2,500 Townsend scholarship; Courtney Coryk, winner of the \$2,500 Lela Cope scholarship; Katie Johnson, winner of the \$1,500 James Lotze scholarship; Ashley Burtscher, winner of the \$1,000 MacDowell scholarship; Aiden Powell, winner of a \$500 MacDowell scholarship; and Emma Fleischaker, winner of a \$500 MacDowell scholarship.

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The Wilderness Center in Sugar Creek Township, held its 26th annual Foto Fest on April 13-14. They awarded 79 prizes May 4 at their photo club regular meeting.

Seventy-nine prizes were awarded May 4 at the Nature Photo Club's regular meeting to the top three People's Choice and Judge's Choice in each of eleven categories plus Best of Show and Judge's Honorable Mention awards.

Best of show went to Michelle Wittensoldner of New Philadelphia.

Winners by category were — Animals: Michelle Wittensoldner, first place and judge's choice; Levi Keim, first place and John Bauer judge's choice; Birds: Janice Petko, first place and Michelle Wittensoldner, judge's choice; Flowers: Levi Keim, first place and Michelle Wittensoldner, judge's choice; General Nature: Norm Kutz, first place and Levi Keim, judge's choice; Insects: Levi Keim, first place and Vickie Hahn, judge's choice; Landscapes: Pam Fitch, first place and David Miller, judge's choice; Pictorial: Michelle Wittensoldner, first place and Kevin Sparks, judge's choice; Wildlife: Michelle Wittensoldner, first place and judge's choice; Wilderness Center: Brian Gray, first place and Michelle Wittensoldner, judge's choice; Youth: Ilsa Miller, first place and judge's choice.

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Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery presented five HOPE Awards and two Crisis Intervention Team Awards, honoring local people, organizations and law enforcement officers who are making strides and influencing change to advance behavioral health in Stark County.

Hope Award winners were: Diane Mang won Professional of the Year; Kara Vogt, Advocate of the Year; Kelly Williams, Innovation Award; Speak Life of Perry High School, Community Champion Award and Simple Starters, Inc., Young Advocates of the Year winners.

Crisis Intervention Team Award winners were: Gibran Baskerville, a recently retired Canton City Police officer; and Sgt. Craig M Riley, who won the CIT Champion of the Year Award.

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