



### Miller, Gingerich Sign Letters Of Intent



Hiland Boys Basketball players Jason Miller and Neil Gingerich will sign National Letter of Intent to play college basketball at Malone University (Jason) and Ohio Valley University (Neil). Malone is a Division II college in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Ohio Valley is a Division II college in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Jason and Neil are the 3rd and 4th members of the Hiland team to sign to play Division II college basketball. Both members of the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Division IV State Championship teams. **Jason Miller** Career Stats Points – 415 Assists – 226 Rebounds – 217 Record - 72-7 **Neil Gingerich** Career Stats Points -384 Rebounds – 268 Blocks-117 (career leader at Hiland)

### Hiland Students Of The Week For May

The following students have been named Student Of The Week at Hiland for the month of May: Preston Stutzman, May 7-12; Sabrina Yoder, May 14-18; Lachelle Mast, May 21-25 and Eric Mullet, May 28-June 1.

### East Holmes Levy Request Planned For August

Monday evening, April 16, the East Holmes Local Schools took the first of two required steps to consider placing a levy on the ballot in August. Last month, the Board of Education took formal action to eliminate 22 staff members through attrition and layoffs. Superintendent, Joe Edinger said, the budget cuts did not solve the financial issues. Levy passage in March was going to require smaller cuts. The collection of additional revenue, if passed in August, combined with decreased expenses will improve the financial health of the district. Board President, Paul Shutt noted that the district already has businesses and community members who are willing to raise funds to cover the expenses associated with this special election. Passage in August will allow the Board of Education to reconsider fees and transportation reductions to alleviate the financial burden on families. The Board of Education will meet again on April 26 at 7:00 AM to finalize the process of placing this issue on the ballot.



### **Hiland Honor Roll For Third Nine Weeks**

The Honor Roll has been announced for Hiland High and Middle School for the third nine weeks. You'll find it here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/HilHR03.pdf>

### **Hiland Winter Sports Awards 2011-12**

Winter Sports Award winners have been announced. Photo and details can be found here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/HilWinterSptsAwd2012.pdf>

### **Hiland Students Of The Week For April**

The following students have been named Student Of The Week at Hiland for the month of April: Brandon Kozak, April 2-6; Enos Miller, April 9-13; Sheena May, April 16-20; and Josh Miller, April 23-27.

### **Beachy To Compete In National Geographic Bee**

Ben Beachy, a seventh grader at Hiland Middle School, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2012 National Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. Beachy is the son of Lee and Barbi Beachy. Bees were held in schools with fourth through eighth grade students throughout the state to determine each school's Bee winner. School level winners then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. In each of the 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories, the National Geographic Society invited the students with the top 100 scores to compete at the state level. The 2012 Ohio National Geographic Bee will be held at The Ohio State University in Mansfield on Friday, March 30, 2012. The state winner will receive \$100, the "complete National Geographic on DVD", and a trip to Washington, D.C., where he/she will represent Ohio in the national finals at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 22-24, 2012. The first-place winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the Society. The national winner will also travel (along with one parent or guardian), all expenses paid, to the Galapagos Islands. The winner will experience geography firsthand through up-close encounters with the wildlife and landscape of Galapagos. For additional information on the National Geographic Bee, please visit [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee). National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo wild will air the final round of the 2012 National Geographic Bee, moderated by Alex Trebek, on Thursday, May 24 (to be followed on public television stations). Please check local television listings for date and time in your area.

### **East Holmes Board Begins Reduction Measures**

The East Holmes Board of Education began cost cutting measures at its March meeting. Details here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/EHBdMarch.pdf>



### **Hiland Choirs Advance In Competition**

The Choirs of Hiland High School traveled to Shelby on March 9th for the District 10 Large Group Choir Contest. In class B the Hiland Men's Chorus received a superior rating, the Hiland Women's Chorus competed in class A and received an Excellent rating, while the Hiland Varsity singers received straight superior ratings in class AA. The Varsity Singers and the Men's Chorus will continue on to State level competition on May 4th at Massillon Jackson High School in Canton. The competition is free and open to the public.

### **District 5 Boys Basketball All-Stars**

**Co-Coach Of The Year:** Mark Schlabach. **Player Of The Year:** senior Dylan Kaufman. **First Team:** seniors Dylan Kaufman and Seger Bonnifant. **Second Team:** senior Jason Miller. **Honorable Mention:** senior Neil Gingerich.

### **Supt. Edinger Statement on Operating Levy Failure**

East Holmes Supt. Joe Edinger released a statement after the apparent failure of the operating levy on Tuesday, March 6. Details here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/Edinger.pdf>

### **District 5 Girls Basketball All-Stars**

**Player Of The Year:** McKenzie Miller. **First Team:** senior McKenzie Miller. **Second Team:** senior Megan Hall. **Honorable Mention:** sophomore Emily Yoder.

### **IVC Girls And Boys Basketball All-Stars Announced**

**BOYS: Coach Of The Year:** Mark Schlabach. **Player Of The Year:** senior Dylan Kaufman. **First Team:** seniors Dylan Kaufman and Seger Bonifant. **Second Team:** senior Neil Gingrich. **Honorable Mention:** Jason Miller. **GIRLS: First Team:** senior McKenzie Miller. **Second Team:** senior Megan Hall and sophomore Emily Yoder. **Honorable Mention:** junior Kendra Schlabach.

### **Hiland Students Of The Week For March**

The following students have been named Student Of The Week at Hiland for the month of March: Megan Hall, Mar. 5-9; Jessica Gerber, Mar. 12-16; Benny Beachy, Mar. 19-23 and Chris Beck, Mar. 26-30.

### **East Holmes Board of Education February Meeting Notes**

Supt. Joe Edinger reports on the February East Holmes Board of Education meeting here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/HilBdFeb.pdf>

### **East Holmes Local School District Newsletter For February**

The latest East Holmes Local Schools Newsletter, that also addresses various facts and fiction in regard to the proposed levy, is here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/HilNews02.pdf>



### **Hiland Honor Roll For Second Nine Weeks**

The Honor Roll has been announced for Hiland High and Middle School for the second nine weeks. You'll find it here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/HilHR02.pdf>

### **Hiland Students Of The Week For February**

The following students have been named Student Of The Week at Hiland for the month of February: Caleb Schlabach , Feb. 6-12; Amber Raber, Feb. 13-17 and Christian Joy, Feb. 27-Mar. 2.

### **East Holmes Local School District Newsletter**

The latest newsletter for the East Holmes Local School District can be found here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/HilNews.pdf>

### **Classic In The Country Concession Numbers Released**

Those who attend the Classic In The Country sure love their food! Classic officials have announced that 52 roasters full of chicken and noodles were served during the event, along with 800 fry pies donated by The Amish Pie Company, 10 dozen Wagon Wheel donuts, donated by Ray Hershberger, 570 Troyers Trail Bologna sandwiches, 660 hot dogs, 900 jumbo cookies, 300 grilled hamburgers, 80 pounds of pulled pork and 700 four-ounce cups of ice cream. Those figures did not include all the popcorn, candy and drinks sold at the event as well.

### **FFA Share-A-Christmas Drive, Fruit Sale**

Hiland FFA members recently completed their Share-A-Christmas drive and fruit sale, Photo and story here: <http://www.thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/HilFFA02.pdf>

### **Hiland Students Of The Week For January**

The following students have been named Student Of The Week at Hiland for the month of January: Sierra Weekly, Jan. 2-6; Zak Kornhaus, Jan. 9-13; Teddy Miller, Jan. 16-20; Cole Reynolds, Jan. 23-27 and Amber Hochstetler, Jan. 30-Feb. 3.

### **Hiland FFA News and Notes**

Stories and photos from two recent FFA activities at Hiland can be found by clicking this link: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/HilFFA01.pdf>

### **Beachy Wins Geography Bee Dec. 6**

Ben Beachy, a 7th grade student at Hiland Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Dec. 6, 2011, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. Ben is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beachy of Berlin. Brady Schlabach, an 8th grader was runner-up. The school-level Bee, at which ten students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 24th annual National Geographic Bee. The Bee is sponsored by Google. The kickoff for this year's Bee was the week of Nov. 14, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories



participating. The school winners, including Ben Beachy, will now take a written test and up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee March 30, 2012. The National Geographic Society will provide an all expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 22-24, 2012.

The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals on May 24. The program will air on television. Check local listings for dates and times.

### **East Holmes School Menus**

Menus for all East Holmes schools can be found at these links:

High /Middle School <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/Menus/HilandHSMenu.pdf>

Berlin: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/Menus/Berlin.pdf>

Charm: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/Menus/Charm.pdf>

Chestnut Ridge: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/Menus/CR.pdf>

Flat Ridge: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/Menus/FlatRidge.pdf>

Mt. Hope: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/Menus/MtHope.pdf>

Walnut Creek: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/Menus/WC.pdf>

Winesburg: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/Menus/Winesburg.pdf>

Wise: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/Menus/Wise.pdf>

### **Luke Burch Signs To Play Baseball At Ashland University**

On Nov. 22, 2011, Luke Burch signed a letter of intent to continue his baseball career at Ashland University. Photos here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/Photos/2011/Mixc/MLonsinger/20111123>

### **2011 Fall Sports Awards**

Awards for the 2011 Fall Sports Season were recently presented. You can find info and photos here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/2011HilFallSpts.pdf>

### **Wise Honor Roll Announced**

The Honor Roll for the first nine weeks at Wise Middle School has been announced. Details here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/WiseHR.pdf>

### **Miller, Kaufman, Bonnifant Sign Letters Of Intent**

On Nov. 17, seniors McKenzie Miller, Dylan Kaufman and Seger Bonnifant signed letters of intent to play college basketball. Miller is headed to Ashland, Kaufman to Findlay and Bonnifant to West Liberty. Photos of the signing ceremonies at the Perry Reese Jr. Community Center are here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/flowplayer/vid/20111117>



### **Hiland Honor Roll For First Nine Weeks**

The Honor Roll has been announced for Hiland High and Middle School for the first nine weeks. You'll find it here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/Hiland/HilHR01.pdf>

### **Hiland Students Of The Week For November and December**

The Hiland Students of the Week have been announced for November and December and are as follows: Bradley Troyer, Nov. 7-11; Charity Mishler, Nov. 14-18; Nicole Miller, Nov. 21-25; Daniel Schlabach, Nov. 28-Dec. 2; Rebekah Strong, Dec. 5-9; Shawna May, Dec. 12-16; Emily Yoder, Dec. 19-23 and Kammi Yoder, Dec. 26-30.

### **East Holmes Schools Receive Banners of Excellence**

State Board Of Education member Rob Hovis presented 9 Excellence banners to East Holmes Local Schools at the board's meeting on Oct. 18, 2011. During his presentation, Hovis noted that East Holmes managed to exceed all state minimum standards by obtaining all 26 indicators, met AYP and achieved the Value Added goal also. He noted that this was done at a cost of 10% below state average. Photos here <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/Photos/2011/Mixc/MLonsinger/20111019>

### **Hiland Students Of The Week For October**

The Students Of The Week have been announced for the month of October and are as follows: Emily Aleshire, Oct. 10-14; Stephanie Millage, Oct. 17-21; Rebecca Strong, Oct. 24-28, and Seger Bonifant, Oct. 31-Nov. 4.

### **2011 Hiland Homecoming**

Jason Miller, son of Duane and Karen Miller, and Hannah Anderson, daughter of Neil and Denise Anderson, were named the 2011 Hiland Homecoming King and Queen. Senior attendants were Cyland Kaufman, son of John and Kim Yoder and the late Larry Kaufman; McKenzie Miller, daughter of Tim and Gina Miller of Berlin; Luke Burch, son of Mike and Deb Burch and Virginia Keim, daughter of David and Velma Keim. Junior attendants were Spencer Yoder, son of Marv and Judy Yoder and Mikayla Gray, daughter of Shane and Loretta Gray. Sophomore attendants were Bradley Troyer, son of Selon and Liz Troyer and Kate Raber, daughter of Ernie and Jennifer Raber. Freshment attendants were Eric Miller, son of Duane and Karen Miller and Kelsey Mast, daughter of Conrad and Jane Mast.

### **Beachy Earns Commended Student Honor**

Hiland Principal Matt Johnson has announced that Robert A. Beachy has been named a Commended Student in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. Beachy will receive a Letter of Commendation from the School and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2012 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2012 competition by taking the 2010 Preliminary



SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

**Hiland Pressbox Dedicated And Renamed For Gary Mast**

A special ceremony was held Saturday, Sept. 24, to dedicate and rename the pressbox in memory of the late Gary Mast, a beloved teacher, scorekeeper and friend of the East Holmes district. Details on the event and photos here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/GaryMast.pdf>

**Hiland Students Of The Week For September**

The Students Of The Week have been announced for the month of September and are as follows: Cameron Yoder, Sept. 12-16; Kayla Yoder, Sept. 19-23 and Virginia Keim, Sept. 26-30.