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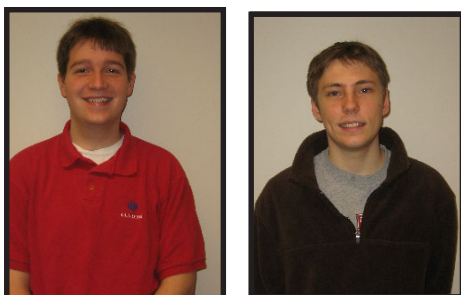
## NEWS

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### MIA Missing Person Family Found

### EHS Announces Co- Valedictorians & Salutatorian



#### CO-VALEDICTORIANS

Evergreen High School is honored to name Marc Pardee and Jacob Householder as the co-valedictorians of the class of 2007. Both students maintain a 4.14 grade point average and each is ranked number one in their class scholastically.

Marc plans to obtain his bachelor's degree in engineering while attending either Tri-State University or the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in the fall. He is also considering continuing his education in order to obtain his law degree in the future. Marc is the chapter president of the National Honor Society. He was named most valuable player on the Quiz Team and is active in the Drama Club and band. Marc also serves as a sixth-grade outdoor education camp counselor for the Evergreen Middle School. He is the son of Albert and Paula Pardee.

Jacob plans to attend The Ohio State University where he will major in computer science and engineering. He has been admitted into the University Honors Program and is the recipient of OSU's Provost Scholarship totaling nearly \$10,000. Jacob maintains a part-time job, serves as treasurer and secretary for the National Honor Society, is a member of the Quiz Team, and played Varsity golf last year. Jacob is the son of Jeff and Grace Householder of Swanton, Ohio.



#### SALUTATORIAN

Darin Scribner has been named salutatorian of the senior class. He holds a 4.12 grade point average and is ranked second in the class of 107 students. Darin plans to major in pre-med at either the Ohio State University or Hiram College.

At Evergreen, Darin is the senior class president, a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the baseball team. In addition he participates in student council, weight-lifting and running. He is the winner of the Rosetta award of the Toledo Symphony League. He is the son of Mark and Jerri Scribner of Berkey, Ohio.

#### Wauseon, Ohio-Fulton County Veterans Service

The Fulton County Veteran Service Office was recently given a copy of a memorandum from the Ohio State Department of the American Legion regarding the Department of Defense's DNA Project. This project is an attempt by the Department of Defense to locate family members of missing in action/killed in action Korean War Veterans to obtain a DNA sample. These samples will be used in an attempt to identify remains that have already been found or that may be found in the future.

The memorandum had a listing of individuals who were killed in action or missing in action from different counties in Ohio. The Fulton County Veteran Service Office sent out a bulletin to all the local newspapers in hopes of finding a family member for Donald H. Loudon, the only listed MIA/KIA for the Korean War from Fulton County. Their expectations weren't very high. Donald was born in 1915 and he would have been 92, so who if anyone would still be around that would recognize his name.

A resident of Lyons, Carol Kiley read the article that was published in the Evergreen Community News (the only paper to publish the article). Carol who has no relationship to this veteran was taken by the article, and wanted to help. She contacted her friend Maureen LaMantia of New York. Both women dabble in genealogy and felt moved enough by the article to begin immediately searching for this man's family. Carol contacted the Fulton County Veteran Service Office to find out if this was a legitimate cause, and if there was any more information that they could provide. She explained that she and her friend would attempt to locate this veteran's family, so that they could have closure. Carol and Maureen had spent hours upon hours calling people, looking up information and checking records as soon as they had noticed the article. Three days later after the article was printed, Carol called the Fulton County Veteran Service Office back with Donald's son's information. They didn't want to stop there, they wanted to continue and find all of the family members for all of the missing in action/killed in action veterans of Ohio. To date two family members of other missing in action/killed in action veterans have been located from Ohio by Carol and Maureen.

The war may long be over but sometimes there are things left to be done. If you are a veteran, a family member of a veteran or have a currently serving family member, contact the Fulton County Veterans Service Office at 419-337-9266 and find out what help they can provide to you.

### Fulton County Veterans Service Office Receives Answer

#### Wauseon, Ohio -

The Fulton County Veterans Service Office of Wauseon would like to "Thank" Maureen LaMantia of New York and Carol Kiley of Lyons for locating the family of Missing In Action Korean War Veteran Donald Loudon. Your assistance was INVALUABLE!

We would also like to "Thank" the Evergreen Community News for publishing our article.

Hopefully with this information, Donald's remains will be found and identified so that he can finally be brought home!

### Our Soldier

Written By: Carol A. Kiley

Our soldier was sadly called away  
To fight a war in a perilous place.  
With pride and courage he left us here  
Woes unknown he has had to face.

He left us sad and forlorn; we grieve  
For his duties he must keep.  
He looked back and gave one final salute  
We stood, steadfast, unable to speak.

It has been a long time now  
The years have all come and gone.  
We wait for a word from him  
When, oh! When will he be home?

We spend more time on our knees these days  
We put our trust in our Father above,  
To bring him back to us  
To his family and the country he loves.

Oh! The glad reunion! To see his face again.  
To hear his laughter, to see his smile  
To dance; to play and sing.  
We must leave him with God; still, a while.

### Missing Person Found By Internet Friends

#### Lyons, Ohio -

The article published last month in the Evergreen Community News, "Missing Person" from the Fulton County Veterans service Office, inspired Carol Kiley of Lyons, OH. She contacted her Internet friend, Maureen LaMantia of Dix Hills NY and they went to work. After three days of intense research they located Donald Loudon's son.

Donald Loudon was Missing in Action during the Korean War. Over 54,246 men lost their lives and 8,100 never returned home. After learning this and feeling deep empathy they decided to continue the work. The Veterans Service Office's around the country are looking for MIA's family members. When remains are located they are sent to Hawaii where DNA samples are obtained. These DNA samples are then compared to known DNA collected from the family of the missing servicemen. Once remains are identified they are returned to the family for proper burial.

Carol and Maureen have never met in person but have worked together on genealogy research for nearly seven years helping reunite families and became best friends. With Maureen's help Carol found many of her missing family members and has visited them in Ohio, North Carolina and Ireland. Many happy reunions have taken place.

Carol and Maureen expect to be very busy as they have taken on trying to find all of Ohio's MIA's and hope others will come on board to help with this project.

If any one is interested in helping with the research contact your Veteran's Service Office for a list of MIA Soldiers.

### Vasko Honored with Eagle Scout Award

Troop 167 Reporter, Dallas Russell



On Sat. March 3, 2007 Alexander Vasko, son of James and Christina Vasko was awarded scouting's highest honor. Family, friends and honored scouts past and present attended the ceremony.

The ceremony was held at the community room at Immaculate Conception Church, Raab Road, Swanton Ohio. The guest was greeted by Scoutmaster Don Ford, after the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer. The ceremony started with representatives from Boy Scout Troop 167 assisting with the Lighting of the Trail ceremony, where candles were lit by each scout. This signifies the path that was taken by the scout to achieve his goal as an Eagle Scout.

Speakers included Alex's father, and Eagle Scout, James Vasko, and Gary Ruth, Assistant Scout Master. A special message from Eagle Scout Mathew Vasko, Alexis's uncle was sent via VHS tape from LA. California. The ceremony then wound down with a short talk from the new Eagle Scout thanking family and friends, and fellow scouts for all of the hard work and sacrifices that are involved in the long journey. The journey that started as a dream years ago and finally recognized that evening.

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