

AKRON OHIO STAKE

Robin Laubaugh Awarded Ohio Mother of the Year

by Elizabeth Nielson

In the late fall of this year, Sister Robin Laubaugh received a surprising letter: she had been nominated for Ohio Mother of the Year.

“I was shicked,” she said, recalling the moment.

American Mothers Inc — the same national organization that sponsors Mother’s Day — had written to ask Sister Laubaugh to submit some information: organizations she has been involved with that have made a positive impact to her family

or community, her parenting philosophy, her biography, and some letters of recommendation.

Sister Laubaugh discovered that her adult children — Mitch, Mandy, Jana, and Alex — had nominated her for the honor a few months prior. They had written heartfelt letters to the nominating board, explaining why she was the right mother to receive the honor.

In March of this year, it was made official: American Mothers Inc had given the Ohio Mother



of the Year award to Robin Laubaugh. An award winner in each of the 50 states, plus Puerto Rico, was selected, and all of the honorees will converge upon Washington DC for three days starting on April 22. While there, they’ll meet one another, give speeches on the importance of motherhood, participate in panel discussions, and learn who will earn the designation of 2018 National Mother of the Year. The four Laubaugh children will join Brother and Sister Laubaugh for the events of the weekend.

A portion of each participant’s time in Washington is to be devoted to meeting one’s congressional representatives. There’s some humor in this for Sister Laubaugh: as the Mayor of Wadsworth, she has already met with her representatives many, many times!

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How has being a member of the Church helped you in being a mother? *I was blessed to have wonderful parents who were committed to the Church and raised me to know the importance of family. My greatest goal was to one day have a family of my own and to raise them as I was taught. Going to church each week motivated me and provided focus on the things that matter most. We had wonderful teachings and tools such as scripture reading, prayer and Family Home Evening as well as standards such as For the Strength of Youth. We were far from perfect, but we tried our best to teach our children the importance of obedience, respect, kindness, love, and service. Going to church each week reminded Bryan and me what we needed to do to keep the Savior in the center of our family.*

How does Brother Laubaugh support you in motherhood? *Bryan has been a tremendous support over the years. We were united in our goals to raise a family committed to the gospel. We had each other to remind ourselves what was important and what we needed to do to keep our family going in the right direction. Raising a family is far from easy. Bryan rolled up his sleeves and helped every step of the way.*

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After graduating from BYU with a Bachelor of Science in Finance, Sister Laubaugh earned her CFP designation and founded a financial consulting practice in Wadsworth. She served on Wadsworth City Council from 1998 to 2007, whereafter she became the first female Mayor of the City of Wadsworth. Ten years later, she is in her third term.

Ohio Mother of the Year *continued*

Sister Laubaugh is humbled by the honor of representing Ohio as Mother of the Year. As she told 97.1 radio in Wadsworth: “[The honor] means a lot to me, because I take motherhood so very seriously. Raising kids is such an important role. You hope and you pray that they grow up to be individuals that are contributing to the community. You give them every possible tool that you possibly can. I applaud you, young mothers. It’s not easy. It’s not an easy thing.”

Another reason the honor is significant to Sister Laubaugh is that her own mother, Ruby Lesser, was

named Ohio Mother of the Year in 1985. Lesser died when Sister Laubaugh’s children were young, and the children heard all their lives what a fantastic woman they had as a grandmother. Similar to her daughter Robin, Lesser was active in church, community, and politics. After she won the award in 1985, Lesser was quoted in the Akron Beacon Journal saying “Being a mother is the greatest thing a woman can do.”

As the saying goes: like mother, like daughter. Raising four children is the accomplishment Sister Laubaugh is most proud of as well.



Come Together for a free concert of Interfaith Musical Performances and the Presentation of the AAIC 2018 Spring Award to



SWAG - Students With A Goal

Refreshments following the concert.

Randall & Angela Davis from the Akron Ward will be performing a vocal duet and LDS members will be participating in the Harmony chorus.



APRIL 21, 2018 YM/YW CAREER EXPLORATION!

Wondering what you might do after school?

Come connect with friends, family, and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Learn about opportunities or discover the work of your dreams. We will be inspired by President Matthew Wilson of the University of Akron then have time to meet with professionals and educators from around NE Ohio who are excited to answer your questions about their careers and the adventures that can come after School. Join us: 2:00-4:00 PM.



**Join the New Portage
Branch for a Special
Event at the Stake
Center!**

**Key Note Speaker:
Matthew Wilson,
President of The
University of Akron**

**Meet with
representitives of
many vocations**

**Invite your friends,
meet professionals,
enjoy refreshments**

Ages 14-18

LOCATION AND TIME

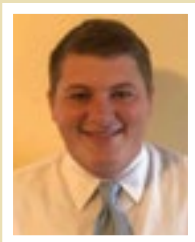
**THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST OF
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106 East Howe Road
Tallmage, Ohio 44278

April 21, 2018

2:00-4:00 PM

MISSIONARY LEAVING



**NATHAN DOUGLAS
LOCKWOOD**

25 APRIL 2018

FOR

**NEW HAMPSHIRE
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BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER SPECIALS

Well, a new month is here and so are the sale items that we have at the Family Home Storage. The first two items are for the entire month of April: **Hard Red Wheat** (30-year shelf life) 5.5 lb. can is \$2.25 or a case of 6 cans for \$13.50 and **Pinto Beans** (30-year shelf life) 5.2 lb. can is \$4.75 or a case of 6 cans for \$28.50. The next two sale items are good until the end of May: **Flour, White** (10-year shelf life) 4 lb. can is \$2.50 or a case is 6 cans for \$15.00, and **Carrots** (10-year shelf life) 2.8 lb. can is \$8.00 or a case of 6 cans for \$48.00.

We have a few new items that we didn't carry before such as Honey and Peanut Butter. These are good items to have in your food storage. We suggest that if you are starting your food storage, start with one month and try items that you think your family would like and then go to three months. Start small and work at it gradually when funds are available. We are open on Wednesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We hope all of you will take the time to come and see our family Home Storage Center and what is available to our members in the five-stake area that use this facility. You can call the home storage on those days should you have questions for Elder and Sister Juhasz or Elder and Sister Carpenter.

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Family History Corner

by Jeanne Peugh,
Director



Blessings

Many of our deceased ancestors will have received a testimony that the message of the missionaries is true. When you received that testimony, you were baptized. But those who are in the spirit world cannot. The ordinances you so cherish are offered only in this world. Someone must go to a holy temple and accept the covenants on behalf of the person in the spirit world. We are under obligation to find the "correct" names of our ancestors and ensure that they are offered by us what they cannot receive there without our help. "Remember that the names which will be so difficult to find are of real people to whom you owe your existence in this world and whom you will meet again in the spirit world. When you were baptized, your ancestors looked down on you with hope. Perhaps after centuries, they rejoiced to see one of their descendants make a covenant to find them and to offer them freedom. In your reunion, you will see in their eyes either gratitude or terrible disappointment. Their hearts are bound to you. Their hope is in your hands. You will have more than your own strength as you choose to labor to find them."

Henry B Eyring, "Hearts Bound Together,"
Ensign May 2005



Ward Window

~ New Portage ~

submitted by Brother Vaughn Hokanson

Hosting the Stake Youth Career Exploration

Inspired by the church's emphasis on self-reliance and requests from the Youth, the New Portage Branch is hosting a stake YM/YW and Young Adult Career Exploration activity April 21. at the Tallmadge Stake Center from 2-4 p.m. The activity will include Mathew Wilson, President of the University of

Akron as a Keynote Speaker and will also include presenters and leading professionals who have generously donated their time to share insights and experiences gained from many leading organizations including Akron University, Ohio State University, Apple Inc., Four Cities Compact, and many more. The activity will

provide sessions where the youth may choose areas of interest and learn about the following:

- Scholarships and Financial Aid
- College Athletics
- Trade and Technical Careers and Military Careers

Representatives for many different careers will present information including:

- Medical
- Nursing
- Law
- Engineering
- Law Enforcement
- Dental
- Computer Science
- Entrepreneurship
- and more!

In addition, there will be career counseling for those who just want to explore career areas and need tools to make decisions for the future.

Please encourage all your young men, young women, and young adults to attend this activity.

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Look for something in your area that interests you. Volunteering for the project will take you through a free, one-time registration process. You will receive confirmation about the event. The day of the event, just show up and just serve!

STAKE CALENDAR EVENTS

April 2018

Sunday, April 22

Easthill Branch Conference

May 2018

Sunday, May 6

Fast Sunday
Worldwide Devotional Broadcast for Young Adults 8-9 p.m.

Sunday, May 13

LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr,
Wadsworth 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 19

Stake Leadership Training/Tallmadge 4-6 p.m.
Stake Conference Adult Session/Tallmadge 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, May 20

Stake Conference/Tallmadge 10 a.m. - noon
Stake Seminary Graduation/Canton 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 27

Massillon Ward Conference

June 2018

Sunday, June 3

Fast Sunday

Sunday, June 10

Medina Ward Conference
LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr,
Wadsworth 7 p.m.

Monday-Saturday, June 11-16

LDS Scout Camp Week/Camp Beaumont

Thursday-Saturday, June 21

Stake Youth Conference

Sunday, June 24

New Philadelphia Ward Conference

July 2018

Sunday, July 1

Fast Sunday

Monday-Saturday, July 2-7

LDS Scout Camp Week/MVSR

Sunday, July 8

LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr,
Wadsworth 7 p.m.

Monday-Friday, July 16-20

YW Camp/Johnson Farm

Saturday, July 21

Broadcast of Mormon Tabernacle Choir Pioneer Day Concert
10 p.m.

Sunday, July 22

New Portage Branch Conference 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

August 2018

Sunday, August 5

Fast Sunday

Saturday, August 11

Stake Summer's End Youth Picnic/TBD

Self-Reliance Spotlight

Stake Update

Wow, what a conference we just had! It's great to feel the rush of revelation being poured down on us. In particular, we feel that the new approach to Ministering will help make the work of self-reliance come to life across the Stake like never before. Currently, we have eight active self-reliance groups making great progress as part of our second round across the Stake.

Principle #5 – Use Time Wisely

“Time is all the capital stock there is on the earth ... If properly used, it brings that which will add to your comfort, convenience, and satisfaction. Let us consider this, and no longer sit with hands folded, wasting time.”

Brigham Young, *Discourses of Brigham Young*,
sel. John A. Widtsoe (1954), 214.

Invitation

Consider the following daily pattern for managing your time: 1) List Tasks, 2) Pray, 3) Set Priorities, 4) Set Goals, Act, 5) Report Back in Prayer.

Learn more within the
My Foundation workbook on srs.lds.org

Area Plan Akron Ohio Stake



Vision

Become, and help others to become, true followers of Jesus Christ and enjoy the blessings of the holy temple.

Stake Priorities

1. Live the gospel of Jesus Christ
2. Gather Israel through missionary work
3. Care for the poor and needy
4. Enable the salvation of the dead by identifying ancestors and performing vicarious temple ordinances for them