

# First youth board joins Coleman

Coleman Professional Services is announcing its first ever youth board. An initiative of the CPS Board of Trustees, the Coleman Youth Board will bring together students from Kent, Ravenna and Stow high schools and middle schools. The youth board's purpose includes learning about and better understanding mental illness and its prevalence, and creating anti-stigma programs to share at their schools. With mental illness affecting one in four adults, one in six adolescents and one in 10 children, fostering understanding and compassion and decreasing stigmas and misinformation is important for all ages.

The 2011-12 Coleman Youth Board members are: Katie Bridgewater, Hayley Chlad, Erin Mackanos, Sean Martin, Taylor McWilliams-Woods, and Emma Sampson from Kent Roosevelt; Lexi Carlson, Hannah Face, Lindsey Patterson, Gillian Seibel, and Claire Stacey from Kent Stanton Middle School; Laura Castiglione, Jereme Maffei, Shelby Mrazik, and Llewesha Perry from Ravenna High School; Brittiany Andears, Christine Halasz, Maggie Marten and Suzanna Moyer from Stow-Munroe Falls High School. Members of the Coleman Professional Services Board of Trustees who are serving on the 2011-12 Coleman Youth Board committee are: Linda Walker, chairperson, Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Laurie Knuth and Julie Spaulding.

CPS Board Member and Kent Stanton Middle School counselor, Laurie Knuth, ex-



Members of the Coleman Youth Board are, front row: Lindsey Patterson, Emma Sampson, Erin Mackanos, Taylor McWilliams-Woods, Laura Castiglione, Llewesha Perry, Sean Martin, and Hanna Face; back row: Claire Stacey, Lexi Carlson, Gillian Seibel, Maggie Marten, Shelby Mrazik, Jereme Maffei, Christine Halasz, Brittiany Andears, Suzanna Moyer and Katie Bridgewater. Also on the board is Hayley Chlad.

plained to the new Coleman Youth Board members and their parents, "We are hoping that this youth board will be proactive in busting the stig-

mas that surround mental illness, educate our youthful population about types of mental illness that we see in the schools and help show

them that help is available. We would like to stop the cruelty that is often directed towards youth suffering from mental illness."

# EMTs to provide flu shots

By MARC KOVAC | R-C CAPITAL BUREAU

COLUMBUS — The Ohio House has OK'd legislation that would allow certain paramedics to give flu shots to other emergency responders.

House Bill 244 passed on a vote of 91-0 and heads to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.

The legislation would enable the medical director or physician advisory boards of emergency medical service organizations to designate emergency medical technicians

to administer influenza immunizations to firefighters or other EMTs. Existing state law prohibits such a move.

Participating boards would be required to establish written guidelines for the immunizations and provide notice to local and state health offices.

Rep. Kristina Roegner, a Republican from Hudson and primary co-sponsor of the legislation, said the "common sense" law changes would help local governments manage their immunization costs.

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# Judge gives drug dealer probation

By DAVE O'BRIEN | STAFF WRITER

A Columbiana County man who admitted to selling the synthetic drug known as "ecstasy" in May 2011 at Nelson Ledges Quarry Park in Nelson has been sentenced to two years on probation.

Portage County Common Pleas Judge John Enlow recently sentenced Stephen G. Stillwell, 25, of Salem, to the probation term, which may be transferred to Columbiana County for supervision if accepted by probation officials there.

Enlow also ordered Stillwell to undergo random substance abuse testing and treatment if necessary, attend substance abuse counseling and forfeit \$476 in drug proceeds to the drug task force.

Stillwell's driver's license was suspended for six months with privileges for work, probation and treatment appointments, according to Enlow's sentencing order. If Stillwell violates his probation, Enlow said he will receive up to one year in prison.

Stillwell pleaded guilty in October 2011 to one count of aggravated trafficking in drugs, a fourth-degree felony.

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