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## Education dean leaves YSU for provost post

Dan Pompili  
NEWS EDITOR

Philip Ginnetti, dean of the Beeghly College of Education, will be leaving Youngstown State University to become provost at Edinboro University in Pennsylvania.

Edinboro officials issued a press release Wednesday, naming Ginnetti as the university's new provost and vice president for academic affairs.

According to the release, Ginnetti was selected from four finalists in a national search to fill the position vacated earlier this year.

Edinboro President Jeremy Brown called Ginnetti a "well-respected and proven leader with a strong vision."

"His impressive combination of faculty and administrative experiences and ability to cultivate partnerships stood out amongst an outstanding national group of candidates," Brown said.

Ginnetti, a YSU undergraduate

and graduate alumnus, began his professional career at YSU as an adjunct professor in the education college in 1985. He became a full-time, tenure-track professor in 1988 and received full professorship in the department of teacher education in 1992. He was elevated to chairman of that department in 1995. In 2000, he became an associate dean in the Beeghly College and rose to dean in 2002.

Ginnetti received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in education from YSU and his doctorate in elementary education curriculum from the University of Akron.

Ginnetti said he learned of the position at Edinboro through an advertisement in the Chronicle for Higher Education, an academic periodical.

"I thought it looked interesting," Ginnetti said. "I also felt this was a good time to consider leaving because [Beeghly] is in such good shape. I'm proud of the college and what we've done over the past eight years."

Recently, the college received a fa-

vorable review from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The college's accreditation must be reviewed and renewed every seven years.

"We did extremely well in it and got such a great, positive review," Ginnetti said.

Mary Lou DiPillo, associate dean of the Beeghly College of Education, said the final determination would come in October from the Unit Accreditation Board.

"[Ginnetti] is leaving us in a very good position," she said. "Some of the master's programs are going online, and we're looking at other strands of our doctoral programs. It's up to the faculty now to carry the initiatives forward."

Ginnetti said he is proud of the changes in the college's curriculum, specifically naming the technology enhancements.



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"We've purchased the kind of technology that teachers will see in their future jobs. Students will leave us being well-trained in the use of these technologies," he said.

The Beeghly College of Education is the only building on campus where all classrooms are technologically enhanced.

Ginnetti said he is also proud of increasing external funding to the college through grants, appropriations and alumni donations.

Ginnetti said the skills he's developed at YSU would help him succeed as provost at Edinboro.

"They have provided the groundwork for any successes I will have there," he said.

Ginnetti added, however, that he regrets he will not be around to see the completion of some affairs in the

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Youngstown State University, city and Wick Neighbors Inc. officials spoke about the up-and-coming Harrison Commons park in front of Harrison Field Wednesday afternoon. Those in attendance were Mayor Jay Williams, YSU President David C. Sweet, Rev. John Horner and former directors of Wick Neighbors Inc.

## Ground broken on Harrison Commons

Kaely Hawkins  
REPORTER

Members of Youngstown State University, Wick Neighbors Inc. and city officials gathered in front of Harrison Field to break ground for the Harrison Commons project on Wednesday.

Rev. John Horner, former pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church and the original founding chairman of Wick Neighbors Inc., said this vision is "some expression of our love for this city."

"This city is a wonderful place," Horner said. "It's all about the future. People on the street means people in the city."

Max Blachman, community liaison for Sen. Sherrod Brown, also spoke about the vision of Harrison Commons.

"This project is truly an expression of love for the people of Youngstown," Blachman said. "Nothing is impossible."

Many of the speakers, including YSU President David C. Sweet, spoke about the possibilities that Harrison Commons could bring to the Youngstown community.

"It's a pleasure after these number of years to begin this great

project," Sweet said. "I think it's another step in the revitalization in Youngstown and the YSU neighborhood. It's an ideal opportunity. So goes Youngstown, so goes YSU, and vice versa."

Margaret Murphy, former executive director of Wick Neighbors Inc., said in her speech that this project was something they had envisioned for a long time.

"We and Wick Neighbors always saw the vision and the challenge of Wick Neighbors to build from the streets of that 20th-century neighborhood and to bring the community together to build a brand new 21st-century neighborhood with Harrison Commons as the center stage," Murphy said, adding that this project "helps put this community back on the map."

Harrison Commons is scheduled to be completed by October. Wick Neighbors Inc., YSU and the city envisioned the project about 10 years ago.

Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams has been involved with the project for many years.

"It's very exciting," Williams said. "It's going to be good for the city and good for the Valley. It's certainly one of those transformational moments in the city of Youngstown and the history of the

city of Youngstown for all of those who have been involved."

Many of the speakers and members of Wick Neighbors Inc. said they believe this park is a step in the right direction for the future of Youngstown. The speakers also talked about the importance of partnerships for the project and for Youngstown.

"This is a result of partnership," said Paul Olivier, senior vice president of business development at Humility of Mary Health Partners and chairman of Wick Neighbors Inc., during his speech.

Pat Lowry, press secretary for U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, said Youngstown would be "hopefully better, more livable, more alive, more vibrant, even more spiritual." Lowry said this "doesn't happen without great community leadership."

Many believe that the revitalization of Smoky Hollow will have a positive effect on the Youngstown community as a whole.

Josh Butler, an original founder of Wick Neighbors Inc., said he watched the "community think ill of itself since the early-1980s."

"What we need in this community is small successes," Butler said. "The people will see it can be done."

## Pride Youngstown hosts second annual Gay Pride Festival

Simuben WanTatah  
REPORTER

For the second year, the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community will come together to celebrate and educate others about their lifestyle. Pride Youngstown will host the Gay Pride Festival, and it's set to begin downtown on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Anita Davis, head of Youngstown Pride, said the organization is likely the first in the area to hold such a festival.

"[There have been] gay pride festivals throughout the United States since the 1960s," Davis said. She added that the event offers a chance for people of all sexualities to come together.

Davis said the most important part of the festival is for people to enjoy themselves.

"If you don't have a good time, then we've failed. Frankly, that's why you go to a festival ... to have fun," Davis said.

Food vendors and performers will also be present.

"We have different entertainers. Some drag entertainers, some non-drag entertainers. [These include] singers and dancers," Davis said.

A drag queen named Shannell will be the lead entertainer. He was a previous contender on "RuPaul's Drag Race" and will soon star in his own upcoming series called "Drag U," which will air on Bravo and Logo.

One new feature for this year is a dunking booth. Local politicians from the Mahoning County Democratic Party have volunteered to be dunked. Members of YSUnity will volunteer as well.

On Sunday at noon, a community picnic, including food and drinks, will be provided by Pride Youngstown.

Both the festival and picnic are free of charge. For more information, visit <http://www.prideyoungstown.org>. The lineup for the parade will begin at 11:30 a.m., and contestants will start at 12:30 p.m.

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### YSU SMARTS selected as award semifinalist

YSU's SMARTS, or Students Motivated by the Arts, program has been chosen as one of 50 semifinalists nationwide out of nearly 500 nominations for the 2010 Coming Up Taller Award. This award spotlights extraordinary community arts and humanities programs for the country's youth. Award finalists will be chosen by the end of June.

#### YSU Women's Club awards scholarships, welcomes new officers

The YSU Women's Club awarded six students with scholarships based on academic performance and financial need at a recent luncheon. Three students received \$1,000 Women's Club Scholarships: Jessica Cartwright of Boardman, Justine Cullen of Boardman and Jenna Hallapy of Hubbard. Three others received \$1,000 Martha Kryston Shuster Memorial Scholarships, named after a past YSU Women's Club president: Rodney Carson of Sharpsville, Pa., Emmalee C. Torisk of Struthers and Richard Trimbur of Girard. Club members also honored Pat Sweet, wife of YSU President David C. Sweet, for her support of the club from 2000 to 2010. Outgoing club officers and new officers were also recognized.

#### Global Green chief speaks at energy forum

Global Green USA President and chief executive Matt Petersen will speak at YSU on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday for the second annual Sustainable Energy forum. The conference will feature presentations and discussions on various topics including biofuels and wind and solar energy. For more information and a tentative agenda, visit <http://www.ysu.edu/sef>.

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#### Student blacks out while exercising at Rec Center

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works for the college he has helped develop. He specifically mentioned a new school psychologist program that is in the state approval process.

Ginnetti also referenced a federal grant obtained by U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan to infuse social and emotional learning theory into the teacher education program. Ginnetti said he would like to see both of those initiatives to the conclusion.

"While I'm very sad to see him go," DiPillo said, "I understand he has a great opportunity, and I wish him well. He's spent 35 years in the Ohio system ... He's had a very logical career ... this is the next step."

Ginnetti will assume his new post at Edinboro on July 1. YSU has not yet named an interim dean.

"I love YSU," Ginnetti said. "It's certainly a place I've spent a lot of my life, and it will always have a special place in my heart."



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## March on

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Gay pride, page 1

As Youngstown prepares to celebrate gay pride this Saturday, the debate about the rights of lesbians, bisexuals, gays and transgenders still lingers in the ears of government.

While the freedoms afforded these citizens remain in question, people of all races, genders and sexualities can find comfort in the right to march on.

It is a march that has brought thousands of advocates to the capital countless times, and it is these footsteps that have walked in the darkest hours of our country.

What was talked about in our early schoolbooks is still a reality today. Advocacy groups still march on the same ground as those before them with a hope to create change.

But it works on the other side as well. Unwanted change can be deferred or even ceased altogether. The people who hold their basic values at heart are certainly allowed to stand up for what they do not believe to be right.

Just as we have our right to advocate, we have the right to commend. Just as we have the ability to protest, we are allowed to support.

It is these basic rights that make America still as attractive as ever, even in times of depression.

While it should be common sense that any group has the right to peaceably assemble and celebrate a cause, some feel that one group's interests hold less weight than another's.

We've made this argument before, and we shall make it again now: What makes our constitutional rights great is their near-absolute universalism. If one group is silenced, all must be silent. If one person speaks, regardless of his or her opinion, we must listen if only to disagree, lest we ignore the voices of all.

Gay pride does not just speak to its own cause; it gives validity to the rights Americans hold dear.

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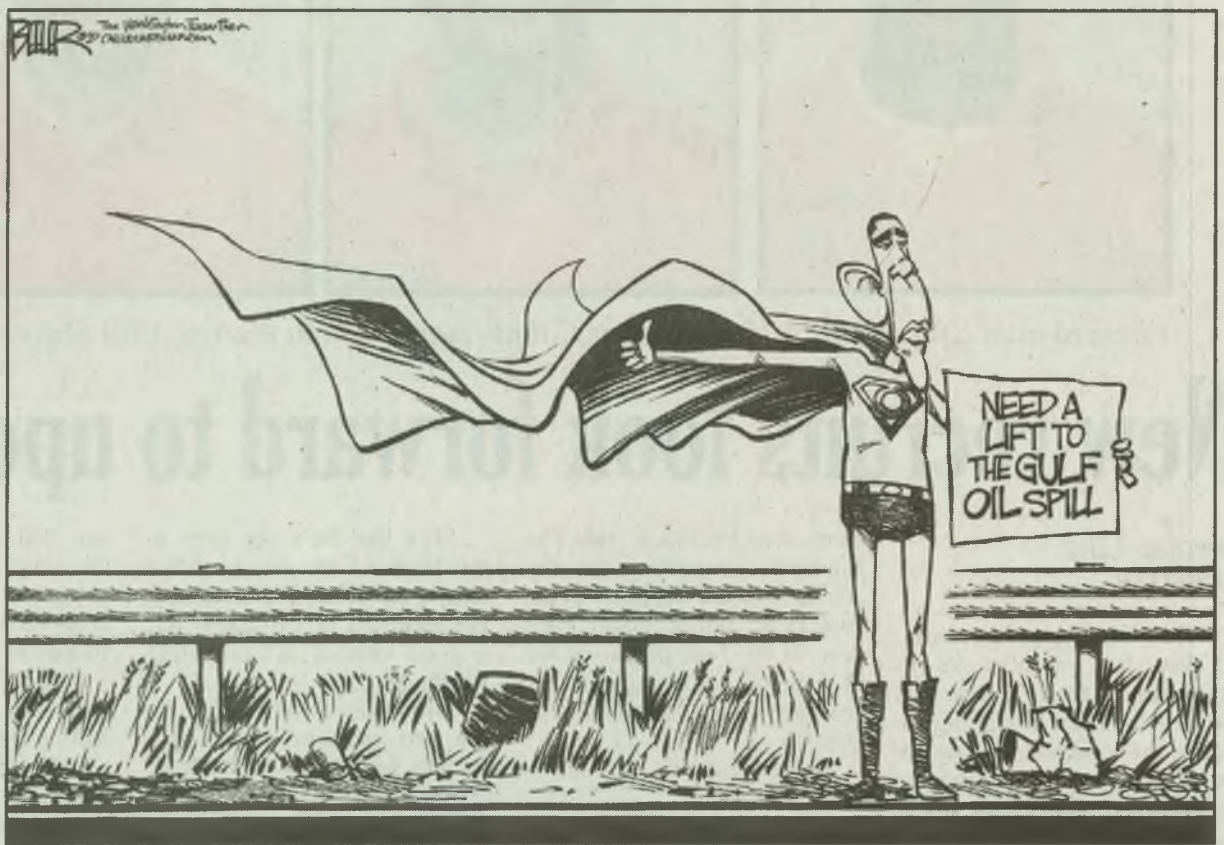
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## Israel naval raid a folly foretold

L.A. Times  
MCT

No explanation can justify or whitewash the crime that was committed off the coast here early Monday morning, and no excuse can explain away the stupid actions of the Israeli government and the army. Israel did not send its soldiers to kill civilians in cold blood; indeed, this is the last thing it wanted. And yet, a small-Turkish organization, fanatical in its religious views and radically hostile to Israel, recruited to its cause several hundred seekers of peace and justice and managed to lure Israel into a trap, precisely because it knew how Israel would react — knew how Israel is destined and compelled, like a puppet on a string, to react the way it did.

How insecure, confused and panicky a country must be to act as Israel acted. With a combination of excessive military force and a fatal failure to anticipate the intensity of the reaction of those aboard the ship, it killed and wounded civilians, and did so — as if it were a band of pirates — outside Israel's territorial waters. Clearly, this assessment does not imply agreement with the motives — overt or hidden, and often malicious — of some participants in the Gaza flotilla. Not all are peace-loving humanitarians, and the declarations of some of them regarding the destruction of the state of Israel are criminal. But

these facts are simply not relevant at the moment; such opinions, so far as we know, do not deserve the death penalty.

Israel's actions are but the natural continuation of the shameful, ongoing closure of Gaza, which in turn is the perpetuation of the heavy-handed and condescending approach of the Israeli government. It is prepared to embitter a million and a half innocent people in the Gaza Strip to obtain the release of one imprisoned soldier, precious and beloved though he may be. And this closure is the all-too-natural consequence of a clumsy and calcified policy, which again and again resorts by default to the use of massive and exaggerated force, at every decisive juncture, where wisdom and sensitivity and creative thinking are called for instead.

And somehow, all these calamities — including the latest deadly events — seem to be part of a larger corruptive process afflicting Israel. One has the sense that a sullied and bloated political system, fearfully aware of the mess produced over the years by its own actions and malfunctions, and despairing of the possibility of undoing the endless tangle it has wrought, becomes ever more inflexible in the face of pressing and complicated challenges, losing in the process the qualities that once typified Israel and its leadership — freshness, originality, creativity.

The closure of Gaza has failed.

It has failed for years now. What this means is that it is not merely immoral but also impractical, and indeed worsens the entire situation and harms the vital interests of Israel. The crimes of the leaders of Hamas, who have held Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit captive for four years without once allowing the Red Cross to visit him, and who fired thousands of rockets from the Gaza Strip at Israeli towns and villages, are acts that must be firmly dealt with, using the legal means available to a sovereign state. The ongoing siege of a civilian population is not one of them.

I would like to believe that the shock of Monday's frantic actions will lead to a re-evaluation of the whole idea of the closure, at last freeing the Palestinians from their suffering, and cleansing Israel of its moral stain. But our experience in this tragic region teaches that the opposite probably will occur. The mechanisms of violent response, the cycles of vengeance and hatred have begun a new round, whose magnitude cannot yet be foreseen.

Above all, this insane operation shows how far Israel has declined. There is no need to overstate this claim. Anyone with eyes to see understands and feels it. Already there are those here who seek to spin the natural and justified sense of Israeli guilt into a strident assertion that the whole world is to blame. Our shame, however, will be harder to live with.

## Empowering Washington: Too much power for financial regulators

McClatchy-Tribune  
MCT

One venerable axiom of American democracy is that we are a nation of laws, not men. That principle will suffer significant damage, though, if Congress passes the kind of financial regulation measures approved by the House and the Senate.

They are not really about establishing clear rules that create sound incentives. They are about ceding to the federal government more authority to do allegedly good things, like protect consumers and avert destabilizing economic shocks.

They assume the people at the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve, who missed the warning signals of the last financial crisis, will somehow detect the next one in advance if they have greater power. We wouldn't bet the farm on it.

One of the ballyhooed changes in the Senate version creates a big new consumer protection agency, which will be empowered to dictate acceptable practices to all manner of companies that provide credit.

This is a reflection of Rahm Emanuel's rule: Never let a serious crisis go to waste.

AIG and Lehman didn't go bust because consumers were misled about the terms of their auto loans. But given the current unpopularity of the financial industry, Congress can't resist the chance to impose rules it couldn't pass before — no matter how far removed they are from the actual problems that it is supposed to address.

One of the best ideas we've heard is to require financial firms to accept extra limits on lending once they attain a size that makes their failure dangerous. By impeding companies from growing "too big to fail," that approach would reduce the chance of future bailouts.

The idea found some support in the House version, which puts stricter limits on leverage as companies get bigger. But the Senate bill has looser limits. And both leave capital requirements, which serve to reduce risk, largely up to regulators. Result: uncertainty that undermines economic health.

Former Fed chairman Paul Volcker made a sensible proposal to bar financial institutions from

speculative investments of the sort that helped bring on the crisis. But the legislation, while paying lip service to the idea, leaves it mostly up to regulators to decide. Maybe they'll do what Volcker proposes. Or maybe they'll let the people they oversee talk them out of it once the heat is off.

There are some encouraging signs. Although the House approved a \$150 billion fund to pay for liquidating insolvent firms, which would hold out the prospect of more rescues in the future, the Senate rejected the idea, and the administration is also opposed. The Senate bill mandates that big companies prepare "living wills" to facilitate their shutdown if they implode.

But the legislation rests largely on fond hopes that the next time a dangerous speculative frenzy threatens to take hold, people in government will detect the hazards and act promptly to defuse them.

A better approach is to alter incentives and expand safety margins in the industry. Congress can't make humans less fallible, but it might create buffers to cushion the impact of their mistakes.





Pictured from left to right: Adaris Bellamy, Grant Mayes, Julian Harrell, Will Shaw. Photos courtesy of Sports Information

# New recruits look forward to upcoming season

Jordan Uhl  
REPORTER

With the opening kick-off just four months away, Youngstown State University football fans are beginning to direct their attention toward the Ice Castle. Along with new personnel, a few fresh faces will don helmets this season.

Leading the quartet of newcomers is running back Adaris Bellamy whose work ethic has already been noticed by teammates. Kyle Banna, a red-shirt senior and YSU veteran, has taken notice of Bellamy's drive.

"He works out hard but playing with experienced guys will be telling," Banna said.

However, Bellamy's com-

ment in an interview with The Vindicator regarding his desire to win the Walter Payton award, an honor given each year to the best player at the FCS level, could indicate the presence of an individualistic attitude.

Banna said this isn't an issue.

"That's motivation right there. It shows he's driven and has high standards," Banna said. "Guys putting themselves first learn real fast they won't survive. We stress teamwork. They'll weed themselves out."

Bellamy's ability to run between the tackles, in addition to his field vision and toughness, drew head coach Eric Wolford to the one-time University of South Florida prospect.

"It's like he's got eyes in the back of his head, and it shows on film," Wolford said. He admitted that Bellamy has a good chance at competing for the award.

Grant Mayes and Will Shaw are two additions in the secondary. Mayes, a transfer from Syracuse University, brings talent and experience to a defense that Banna said needed an overhaul.

Shaw, previously of Mesa Community College in Arizona, is someone to "keep an eye on," Wolford said. At 6 feet 3 inches tall, 220 pounds, Shaw is listed as a safety, but he's versatile enough to play linebacker or even defensive end.

A Baltimore native, Shaw said he's excited to get back to playing football this sea-

son. He was impressed with the team facilities and wasn't expecting something like the WATTS (Watson and Tressel Indoor Training Site) Center.

While the tangible benefits were nice, Wolford's recruiting tactics really hooked Shaw.

"He really sold me on the program. He convinced me they could win," Shaw said.

Rounding out the group is wide receiver and Miami University transfer. Julian Harrell. Wolford said he foresees Harrell giving the Penguins a "chance to even out the field."

"With [Harrell, opponents] won't be able to double team one guy anymore," Wolford said.

Harrell is from Harrisburg, Pa., and is, out of the four re-

cruits, the player closest to home.

In past years, local players have left the area for Pennsylvania State University, the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan, among other schools.

However, this is a trend that Wolford and his staff want to change. Wolford strives to "continue to raise the level of talent" on the field by "keeping local guys home."

"Growing up people think, 'I have to go away to college,' but a percent of those end up coming home," Wolford said.

The Penguins will begin practicing in August to embark on their 2010 campaign, which is set to begin Sept. 4 at Penn State.



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"I feel like we've had more breaks than any other band that has only been together for two years ..."

- Robbie Jay McFarland

## Local band releases self-titled debut album, prepares for summer tour

Alaina Cardon  
REPORTER

Robbie Jay McFarland didn't pick up a guitar until he was in his mid-20s and realized he could carry a tune and enjoyed singing. And it wasn't until he was almost 30 that he started a band, the Robbie Jay Band.

The band also consists of Ryan Rexroad on bass and back-up vocals, Dan Domenic on drums and Jay Hinrichs on lead guitar. Together they released their debut self-titled album on May 15.

"I was always interested in music, but I never really pursued anything until after college," McFarland, 31, said. "I always played sports in school, but I come from a very musical family. When I told my parents I wanted to play guitar and maybe do some singing, they were shocked."

The album has been sent to labels for review and is also available on iTunes, Amazon.com and the band's personal website, where fans can purchase additional merchandise such as T-shirts and beer cozies.

The band's publicist, Kevin Avery of Mere Words Media Relations, said the album has been well received. Avery is trying to ensure that the band's music is being heard across the country.

"I feel like we've had more breaks than any other band that has only been together for two years. We've had the opportunity to play some really big venues, such as the House of Blues and Tower City Amphitheater, early on in our careers," McFarland said. "We want [to be] a good band that does everything right. The ultimate goal is to be huge."

Besides being the band's frontman, McFarland also fills the position of lyricist.

"I am the writer," he said. "I write about life, girls and love. Good or bad, I write about the way I'm feeling, whether it is word for word about the way I am feeling that second or a thought that reminds me of something that already has happened," McFarland said. "Nothing I write about is made up. Life already gives you a good story. All I do is jot it down and make people dance."

Even though the band is named after him, McFarland

said he is extremely modest and does not take sole credit for the band's success.

"Make no mistake about it: We are a band first and foremost. A lot of guys can play instruments, but Ryan, Jay and Dan help make this band what it is," McFarland said.

McFarland said the band's name originated from a friend's suggestion.

"It sounded good, but we weren't sure. After tossing some other ideas around, we went with it," McFarland said.

Their decision was also swayed by some musical influences including Steve Earle, Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson.

"Their bands were named after them ... It kind of made sense. Also, I'm a singer-songwriter. The band being named after the writer or singer in that genre isn't that uncommon," McFarland said.

The Robbie Jay Band will be touring this summer in Ohio, Tennessee, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. Though they are excited to spread their name nationally, the band said they love playing locally and look forward to their shows in Youngstown.

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