



## Jefferson elementary students get a taste of history

Using a historical recipe, students in Nancy Taylor's fifth grade class at Jefferson Elementary in Hamilton served up Colonial pudding to other children in the school.

According to Taylor, her students recreated a historical village, complete with costumes, food and speeches demonstrating what life was like in the days of the colonies. Taylor is one of 31 Hamilton City School teachers participating in the Teaching American History Grant Project awarded to Hamilton schools and Miami University Hamilton's Michael J. Colligan History Project.

Miami Hamilton faculty provide in-depth history content and pedagogical support to teachers through a series of workshops. The grant aims to help the district meet its goal to improve student test scores.

## Miami Hamilton Theatre presents GINT: A Two Act Play

Miami University Hamilton Theatre presents Romulus Linney's GINT, a retelling of Henrik Ibsen's poetic drama, *Peer Gynt*, April 15 and 16 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in Mosler Hall.

A cast of Miami Hamilton students will bring to life the story of a ragged young man of the Appalachian Mountains in 1917, who spends most of his time lying, drinking and getting into trouble. Determined to become "something

great, grand, and glorious," Gint begins a journey that leads him through many misadventures to the path of a billionaire.

The cast includes Matt Ellis as Pete Gint, Stephanie Scales as Oldie Momma, Meg Haven as Sally Vicks, Erika Fulton as Younger Woman, Bobby Maiden as Younger Man, Reka Juhasz as Woman, Gabe Fletcher as Man, Darren Bailey as Older Man, Sara Ribar as Older Woman. The cast also includes Rob Murphy, Eddy Kahle, Jeff Christian, Katie Blum and Laura Wright. Christina Teed is the assistant director and stage manager. Becky Johnson is the rehearsal assistant.

General admission is \$8, \$5 for seniors and students with Miami ID. Due to mature subject matter, this play may not be suitable for children under 13 years of age. For further information, contact Bekka Eaton at 785-3017.

## Lecture to look at Kent State shootings, 35 years later

On April 7, The Michael J. Colligan History Project welcomes J. Gregory Payne, an expert on the Kent State shootings of 1970, who will speak about the now 35-year-old tragedy.

Payne is the associate professor of Emerson College's Department of Organizational and Political Communication and the official archivist of the Kent State shootings. An author, speechwriter and expert on political communication, ethics, and docudrama, his work on Kent State includes the book *Mayday: Kent State*, and a play *Kent State: A Requiem*. Payne also has organized several commemorative conferences that have featured eyewitnesses, victims, families, guardsmen, academics, media professionals, attorneys, playwrights, actors, and artists.

"Dr. Payne knows more first-hand information about the events of May 4, 1970 than anyone on the planet," said Michael Carrafiello, director of The History Project. "He has traveled the globe telling his story and inviting people to recall where they were and what they were doing on that

dark day 35 years ago. His appearance at Miami Hamilton, moreover, will feature the world premiere of a video excerpt from a documentary that he is producing."

Dr. Payne's lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Harry T. Wilks Conference Center. The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

## Join us for the 2005 Butler County Job Fair

Mark your calendars for the Butler County Job Fair 2005 to be held Wednesday, April 6, in the Towne Mall of Middletown and Thursday, April 7, at Miami University Hamilton, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at both locations.

Do you need a job? Are you looking for a new career? Or, do you need more training? More than 70 employers from Southwest Ohio will be on hand to discuss employment and job training opportunities.

According to event organizers, this looks to be the biggest job fair yet with the most number of employers already signed to participate. For a list of employers and Job Fair organizers, visit the Job Fair Web site at [www.butlercountyjobfair.org](http://www.butlercountyjobfair.org). Or contact the Job Fair line at 513-785-5345.

## Enjoy the soaring music of Mark O'Connor's Hot Swing Trio

Join Grammy award-winning violinist and composer Mark O'Connor for an Artist Series night of jazz Saturday, April 9, for two shows 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Parrish Auditorium.

O'Connor, along with former Grappelli sideman John Burr on bass and virtuoso Frank Vignola on guitar, pay tribute to jazz greats Stephane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt with jazz standards and new compositions.

For ticket information, contact Miami's ticket office at 513/529-3200 or order online at [www.tickets.muohio.edu](http://www.tickets.muohio.edu).