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SUMMARY: STILL TIME TO ENTER WRITING AWARDS AND WRITER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Orrville, Ohio, Dec. 5, 2007 – The deadline for both the Regional Writing Awards and the Writer of the Year Award is Friday, Dec. 14. The annual writing competition at The University of Akron Wayne College encourages creative writing in the college's service area. Originally designed for students at Wayne and in area high schools, the competition was opened to the general public last year with a regional writing award. This year the event organizers have added the Writer of the Year Award.

The new award will recognize excellence and achievement by a published writer who resides in Wayne, Holmes or Medina counties. The achievement may be for a lifetime of work or for a recent success. The nominees may be writers of poetry, short stories, nonfiction, newspaper, magazines or novels. A published writer may be nominated or may self-nominate for this honor, which includes a distinctive award and a \$500 cash prize.

Nomination forms are available at area libraries, bookstores, Heartland Point, in the Wayne College Smucker Learning Center or at the Web site at www.wayne.uakron.edu/LearCen/writeroftheyear/. For more information, call 1-800-221-8308, ext. 8962, or 330-684-8962.

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