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LOCAL SCHOOLS

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June, 2009



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THE MISSION OF THE
LIBERTY UNION - THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
IS TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS
FOR LEARNING AND THE SKILLS FOR LIVING,
THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION.

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Message from the Superintendent:

The **groundbreaking ceremony** for the new middle school will be held on **Monday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m.** We will meet **at the outdoor classroom**, located near the garden area of the land laboratory, on the south side of the elementary school. Parking is available at the elementary school or in the gravel bus lane. **Parents and community members are invited to join in the celebration!** Hot dogs and soft drinks will be served.

Construction bids for both the high school renovation and the new middle school will be solicited around the first of July. Earth work at the middle school site will begin later in July, followed by construction of the building foundation. Renovation to the high school will begin in the fall, after the start of school.

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) results for LUHS sophomores have arrived. The state benchmark passing rate is 75%. The percentage of LUHS students passing each section of the Ohio Graduation Test:

Reading: 86% Mathematics: 86% Writing: 90% Science: 76% Social Studies: 81%

The percentage of sophomores passing all five sections of the test: 69%

Test results for students in grades three through eight will be included in the August *Lion Report*.

During the next couple of months, the school district website will undergo many changes in an effort to provide additional information to parents and community members. Look for building-level calendars as well as school-related forms for parents with our new format.

If you would like to have the *Lion Report* e-mailed to you, forward your e-mail address to district secretary Alice Bondurant: bonduranta@libertyunion.org

There is no Lion Report in July, but look for the "back-to-school" issue on Sunday, August 2nd.

Paul Mathews

SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULES

The **elementary** school office will be open through **June 23rd**, from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The office will re-open on **August 3rd**. Final grade reports will be mailed in mid-June. Start-school information will be mailed to parents approximately August 10th. Elementary classroom assignments will be posted at **3:30** on August 11th.

The **middle** school office will be open through **June 23rd**, from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The office will re-open on August 3rd. Final grade reports will be mailed in mid-June. Start-school information will be mailed to parents approximately August 12th.

The **high** school office will be open throughout the summer from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Final report cards will be mailed in mid-June; start-school information will be mailed the last week of July.

ALUMNI BANQUET REMINDER: Saturday, June 13th - for reservations call Norma Stilwell 740-862-4347.

1st day for students - Wednesday, August 19, 2009; **Last day for students** - Friday, May 28, 2010

TEACHER OF THE MONTH



The "Teacher of the Month" for May is **Mr. Tim Turner**, Middle School and High School Vocational Agriculture Teacher. He was selected by her peers to receive this award, and he will be recognized at the June 8th Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Our

thanks to the Mark Matthews Insurance Agency, for sponsorship of this award program during the 2008/2009 school year!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

The Liberty Union High School "Students of the Month" for May are **Max Cothrel** and **Mary Mandeville**.

Max Cothrel just finished his senior year at Liberty Union High School, with a 4.067 grade-point average. **Max** had all A's during his four years in high school, and was named "Outstanding Student" for several individual courses.

Max is a 1st Team All-League soccer player, President of the LUHS Band, Knowledge Bowl Team Captain, and an officer for the National Honor Society. He will attend Ohio University this fall as an Honors College student.



Mary Mandeville is a junior student at LUHS, with a 3.8 grade-point average. She is a member of the Varsity Softball Team, President of the National Honor Society, an FCCLA member and Foreign Language Club member. **Mary** was named "Outstanding Student" for Spanish I and World Studies. **Mary** is active in her church youth group, and has

volunteered for two work-camp mission trips.

Max and **Mary** will be recognized at the June 8th Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

COACHES RECOGNIZED

The Central District Football Coaches Association recognized two members of the Liberty Union Football staff for the 2008 season accomplishments at the May, 2009, meeting. Head Coach, **Dan Johnson**, was the Division V Coach-of-the-Year and long-time assistant coach, **Ron Owens**, was named the Division V Assistant Coach-of-the-Year.

MILITARY RECOGNITION

Do you have a family member or friend who is a LUHS graduate or lives in the Baltimore community and has served or is currently serving our country through military service? Bring, mail or e-mail a picture and pertinent information to the District Office.

MILITARY SPOTLIGHT



The featured military service person for June is 1999 LUHS graduate, **Andy Wikoff**. **Andy** enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduation, and in nearly ten years of service, he has been assigned to bases in Minot, North Dakota, Ramstein, Germany, and currently at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada. **Staff Sergeant Wikoff** received the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center Staff

Noncommissioned "Officer of the Quarter" Award for the fourth quarter, 2008. **Andy** works in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Office as a general law paralegal. His performance, "above and beyond the normal", earned him recognition by the Nellis Chiefs' Group, with the "Excellence in Action" Award. **Andy** and his spouse, Kasie, have one daughter. We thank **Andy** for his service to America through the United States Air Force, as a graduate of Liberty Union High School!

LU CLASS OF 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS

- Bauer, Jessica:** [Ohio State](#) - Salon School Group
Bondurant, Clayton: [Wilmington](#) - Wilmington; VanBuren; Stoughton
Clark, Jimmy: [Ohio University](#) - Gateway; BACC; Sands
Cothrel, Max: [Ohio University](#) - Gateway; Oh Independent Men's Assn; South Central Power; Oh Rural Electric Coop; Leroy Boyd; Devin Glasgow
Edwards, Amanda: [Ohio State](#) - OSU Grant
Ford, Nick: [Warren Wilson College](#) - Sam Walton; VanBuren
Goodman, Becca: [Ohio State](#) - Sands
Hannan, Mandy: [Shawnee State](#) - Sands
Jagger, Audreyana: [Wittenberg](#) - Wittenberg; Down Syndrome Assn; Wittenberg Alumni Music; Wittenberg Board of Directors
Jasper, Jonathan: [Capital University](#) - Presidential
Jensen, Ryan: [Ohio University](#) - Sands
Johnson, Bethany: [Wilmington](#) - Wilmington
Johnson, Sam: [Ohio University](#) - Ohio University Athletic
Kalb, Lisa: [Shawnee State](#) - Sands
Kenney, Kaleigh: [Ohio University](#) - Ohio Farm Bureau
Legg, Kayla: [Ohio University](#) - VanBuren
Miller, Trey: [Ohio State](#) - State 4-H Smith; Fair Co Cattlemen's Assn; Soil & Water Conservation; Fenstermaker Agricultural; Eversole Leadership; Chad Welch; Sands
Mix, Andy: [University of Toledo](#) - Athletic Grant; Presidential Scholarship; Engineering Entrepreneurship; Summer Internship; Dale R. England
Murphy, Nathan: [Otterbein College](#) - Otterbein; Endowed
Norton, Kaylina: [Ohio State](#) - OSU Medalist
Parrish, Kristin: [Ohio University](#) - Gateway; James & Viola Wayland; Dale R. England
Perrine, Kristyn: [University of Toledo](#) - Rocket Scholar; Nick Childers
Raver, Mindy: [Hocking College](#) - VanBuren
Stallard, Matt: [Ohio University](#) - VanBuren; King-Chaven-Parks
Weaver, James: [Capital University](#) - Presidential Scholarship; Capital Grant; VanBuren
Whittington, Nick: [Capital University](#) - Capital Music; Capital Alumni; Baltimore Chamber of Commerce
- 1 Year Total Scholarships: \$235,500**
4 Year Total Scholarships: \$737,000

SPRING SPORTS SPECIAL AWARDS

Girls Track	
Courtney Schilling	MSL 3 rd Team 4 x 100 Relay
Rachel Gates	MSL 3 rd Team 4 x 100 Relay
Kendra George	MSL 2 nd Team Shot Put
Jess Holland	MSL 3 rd Team 4 x 100 Relay
Carrie Ireland	MSL 3 rd Team 4 x 100 Relay
Beth Winchell	MSL 3 rd Team 4 x 100 Relay
Tricia Steffen	MSL 2 nd Team 4 x 800 Relay
Klare Williamson	MSL 2 nd Team 4 x 800 Relay; MSL 3 rd Team 4 x 400 Relay
Kait Bruning	MSL 3 rd Team 4 x 100 Relay
Kelsey Holbrook	MSL 2 nd Team 4 x 800 Relay
Christina Holbrook	MSL 3 rd Team 4 x 400 Relay; MSL 2 nd Team 4 x 800 Relay
Boys Track	
Woody Sword	MSL 1 st Team Pole Vault; Eagle Gazette Athlete-of-the-Week
Clay Doles	MSL 2 nd Team Pole Vault
Matt Kohler	Regional Qualifier: 800 m Run; MSL Honorable Mention 4 x 800 Relay
Zach Logue	Regional Qualifier: Long Jump; MSL 2 nd Team Long Jump; Eagle Gazette Athlete-of-the-Week
Dustin Love	MSL 2 nd Team 400 m Dash
Drew McCormick	Regional Qualifier: 3100 m Run; Regional Qualifier: 1600 m Run; MSL 1 st Team 3200 m Run; MSL 2 nd Team 1600 m Run; MSL Honorable Mention 4 x 800 Relay
Aaron Burnside	MSL Honorable Mention 4 x 800 Relay
Eric Langham	MSL Honorable Mention 4 x 800 Relay
Garrett Mathias	Regional Qualifier: Pole Vault
Nick Richardson	District Champion Pole Vault; Regional Qualifier: Pole Vault

LU FFA EXCELS AT STATE CONVENTION

At the 81st Ohio FFA Convention members competed against more than 100 FFA chapter teams.

First year chapter members competed in the Greenhand Quiz. Liberty Union placed 21st. The top three highest scores from our team were **Kelsey Holbrook**, **Autumn Thompson** and **Sarah Humphreys**.

Liberty Union Cooperative Teams of Ohio placed 7th; the top three scores submitted from Liberty Union were **Ethan Pulvermacher**, **Andrew Mix**, and **Kayleigh McCormick**. **Ethan Pulvermacher** also placed 20th individually.

The following twelve Liberty Union members received the highest state association degree, State FFA Degrees: **Mark Underwood**, **Nick Whittington**, **Erik Smolewski**, **Clint Bitler**, **Taylor Justice**, **Jared Sims**, **Kayleigh McCormick**, **Kevin Shaeffer**, **Kaitlyn Mattox**, **J.J. McCormick**, **Austin Miller**, and **Ethan Pulvermacher**.

Jacquie Keller, a 2008, LU graduate, placed 1st at the State Convention in Veterinarian Medicine. **Jacquie** received a plaque and \$100; she will advance to national competition later this year.

Both **Scott Cathers** and **Barett Lawlis** were selected for the State FFA Band.

At the end of the year, secretary, **Kaleigh Kenney**, and treasurer, **Andy Mix**, received a gold rating on their respective records books.

Congratulations Liberty Union FFA!

SPRING SPORTS SPECIAL AWARDS Continued

Name	Honors
Baseball	
Austin Miller	MSL 1 st Team
Andy Mix	All-District 2 nd Team; MSL 1 st Team
Jordan Price	MSL Honorable Mention
Seth Kovach	MSL Honorable Mention
Marcus Makuch	All-District Honorable Mention; MSL 1 st Team
Andy McCord	MSL 2 nd Team; Eagle Gazette Athlete-of-the-Week
Softball	
Kaleigh Kenney	MSL 2 nd Team; Eagle Gazette Athlete-of-the-Week
Kayleigh McCormick	All-District 2 nd Team; MSL 1 st Team; WTVN 610 Player-of-the-Week
Jayce Born	MSL 1 st Team
Alicia Campbell	MSL Honorable Mention
Jami Litzke	MSL 2 nd Team; Eagle Gazette Athlete-of-the-Week
Morgan VanAlmsick	MSL Honorable Mention
Sarah Klopfer	All-District 1 st Team; MSL 1 st Team; Eagle Gazette Athlete-of-the-Week
Varsity Softball Team	Mid-State League Champions
Jr Var Softball Team	Mid-State League Champions
Bill Putnam, Sr	Mid-State League Cardinal Coach-of-the-Year

2009 SUMMER CAMPS / DATES

June 2-4	HS Boys Basketball
June 8-10	Youth Boys Basketball
June 15-18	HS Volleyball @ Canal Winchester
June 15-18	Grades 1-12 Basketball
June 19-21	Boys Basketball @ University of Cincinnati
July 12-15	Girls Basketball @ Fort Wayne, Indiana
July 12-17	Band @ Rio Grande
July 20-23	Cheerleading @ Kenyon College
July 27-30	Elem & MS Volleyball
July 28-30	Grades 2-12 Football
August 3-7	Cross Country @ Hocking Hills State Park

TEAMS COMPETITION

For several years, Liberty Union has participated in the "TEAMS" competition, sponsored by the Junior Engineering Technical Society, a national organization that promotes engineering education. "TEAMS" (Test of Engineering Aptitude Mathematics and Science). Teams of eight students participate by answering challenging college level math, science, and engineering questions.

For the first time, both Varsity and JV teams advanced to national scoring; both "TEAMS" teams ranked 7th in the State of Ohio in part 1. The Varsity team placed 16th in the Nation; the JV team ranked 15th.

Varsity Team: **Nick Byers**, **Jimmy Clark**, **Max Cothrel**, **Sam Johnson**, **Corinne McIntire**, **Lauren McKay**, **Andy Mix** and **Nick Whittington**

Junior Varsity Team: **Tyler Babcock**, **Jayce Born**, **Alex D'Amato**, **Andy Dickson**, **Ryan King**, **Barrett Lawlis**, **Tiffany Lawless** and **Shane Snyder**

June, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 June	8 June Boys Basketball Camp 7:00 Brd of Ed Mtg	9 June Boys Basketball Camp	10 June Boys Basketball Camp	11 June	12 June	13 June LU Alumni Banquet
14 June	15 June Girls Gr 1-12 Basketball Skills Camp	16 June Girls Gr 1-12 Basketball Skills Camp	17 June Girls Gr 1-12 Basketball Skills Camp	18 June Girls Gr 1-12 Basketball Skills Camp	19 June Boys Basketball Camp @ Univ of Cincinnati	20 June Boys Basketball Camp @ Univ of Cincinnati 5:00 BINGO
21 June Fathers Day Boys Basketball Camp @ Univ of Cincinnati	22 June	23 June	24 June	25 June	26 June 3-on-3 BB Tournament	27 June 3-on-3 BB Tournament
28 June 3-on-3 BB Tournament	29 June	30 June	1 July	2 July	3 July Offices Closed	4 July Independence Day NO BINGO
5 July	6 July	7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	11 July
12 July Girls BB Camp @ Spiece Fieldhouse Band Camp @ Rio Grande	13 July Girls BB Camp @ Spiece Fieldhouse Band Camp @ Rio Grande 7:00 Brd of Ed Mtg	14 July Girls BB Camp @ Spiece Fieldhouse Band Camp @ Rio Grande	15 July Girls BB Camp @ Spiece Fieldhouse Band Camp @ Rio Grande	16 July Band Camp @ Rio Grande	17 July Band Camp @ Rio Grande	18 July 5:00 BINGO
19 July	20 July Cheer Camp @ Kenyon College	21 July Cheer Camp @ Kenyon College	22 July Cheer Camp @ Kenyon College	23 July Cheer Camp @ Kenyon College	24 July	25 July
26 July	27 July Jr Hi & Youth VB Camp	28 July Jr Hi & Youth VB Camp Grs 2-12 Football Camp	29 July Jr Hi & Youth VB Camp Grs 2-12 Football Camp	30 July Jr Hi & Youth VB Camp Grs 2-12 Football Camp	31 Aug	1 Aug 5:00 BINGO