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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:

Management of H1N1 flu virus precautions continues to be an important topic. Recently, Mrs. Chris Matthews, School Nurse, and I attended a meeting with Mr. Frank Hirsch, Fairfield County Health Commissioner, and several members of the Fairfield County Health Department staff. Although H1N1 vaccine is still in the clinical trail stage, and not yet available, we were able to learn about plans to offer vaccination protection for students and community members. The first priority for vaccination will be children six-months to twenty-four years, at-risk adults, medical workers, and day-care workers for those in contact with infants less than six-months old. Upon arrival of an approved vaccine, a team from the FCHD will come to each of the three school district buildings, and will provide, at no cost to parents, vaccinations for all students with signed parental permission. At a later date, the school district will provide a location for FCHD staff to offer a community vaccination program. As more information and specific dates become available, we will keep you informed. In the mean time, everyone is urged to get a "seasonal" flu shot. H1N1 "fact sheets" for parents, students and teachers are posted on our website.

As of the print date for this Lion Report, there was great anticipation for the opening of construction bids for the high school renovation project. Sealed bids were scheduled to be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2nd, with the bid opening immediately following. Bids were accepted for general trades, plumbing, fire protection, electrical, and HVAC. The final details of the middle school construction bids are underway, with acceptance of bids to be scheduled for the first part of November.

With only one week remaining before the start of the Fairfield County Fair, if you have not yet signed up to help work at the LU-T food booth, please give **Janette Lindsey** (407-5534) or **Detria Hiles** (862-3352) a call. Adult workers are needed to help with several shifts. While at the fair, be sure to look for the LU-T School District display in the art hall. Student work samples and new middle school plans will be on display. Finally, I encourage you to come show your support for the LUHS Marching Band Thursday morning, as they perform in the Fairfield County Band Show.



Paul Mathews

MARCHING BAND QUALIFIES FOR STATE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the LUHS Marching Band, as they received a "Superior" rating at the Lancaster Band Invitational, held on Saturday, September 19th! This rating qualifies the band to compete in the OMEA State Marching Band Finals later this fall. The band is under the direction of **Mr. Ben Factor**.

Band sub orders will take place from October 26-November 6. Subs will be delivered on November 19, in time for the OSU-Michigan game. Subs are \$4.50 each or 3 for \$13. Contact any music student to place an order.

The 5th Grade Band parent meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 pm in the LUMS Auditorium. This meeting will cover all information regarding beginning band, including instrument rentals and class expectations. Please e-mail Mr. Factor at factorb@libertyunion.org or call the school for more information.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Liberty Union High School "Students of the Month" for September are **Ryan King** and **Evan Schaffner**.



Ryan King, son of Mike and Sherrill King, is a junior student at LUHS, with a 4.0 grade-point average. **Ryan** is a member of the Student Council, as well as the basketball and football teams. **Ryan** is a scholar athlete who is also active in 4-H.



Evan Schaffner, son of Ed and Shirley Schaffner, is also a junior student at LUHS. He has a 3.8 grade-point average. An active member of the music program, **Evan** participates in Marching Band, Pep Band, and Marching and Concert Bands. He is also involved as a Boy Scout.

Ryan and **Evan** will be recognized at the October 12th Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH



The "Teacher of the Month" for September is **Miss Angie Linscott**, first-grade teacher at Liberty Union Elementary School. She was selected by her peers to receive this award, and she will be recognized at the October 12th 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 2009/2010 school year!

JENNINGS TEACHING SCHOLARS

The Jennings Scholar Lecture Series, sponsored by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, provides recognition and professional development opportunity for outstanding teachers from Southeast Ohio. During the 2009/2010 school year, two teachers from the LU-T District have been selected as



"Jennings Scholars". **Ms. Erin Rodriguez**, Middle School Teacher, and **Mrs. Emily Fisher**, Middle School & High School Teacher, will attend lecture events at Ohio University, in Athens, Ohio. Congratulations to both for well-deserved recognition through this program.



MILITARY SPOTLIGHT

William Brian Muck is the son of Bill Muck and step-son of Judy Landis. **Brian** is a 1987 Liberty Union Graduate. He joined the Air Force upon graduation, and will complete his 23rd, and final, year of service in early 2010, when he returns home from Afghanistan.

Brian has served as a fuels specialist in the Air Force and currently holds the rank of Master Sergeant. He has been stationed in 4 continents during his service, and has volunteered to fight overseas on numerous occasions. **Brian** has served in many conflicts, including operations Desert Shield, Southern Watch, Joint Forge, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. During this time **Brian** has been awarded 23 medals, including the Meritorious Service Medal.



Upon his retirement in February, **Brian** will return to his home in Kentucky and reunite with his wife, Bobbi, and their children Patrick, Bridget, Austin, and Isabella.

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.

EDUCATION AWARD WINNER

Annually, the Fairfield Soil & Water Conservation District recognizes a teacher or group of teachers in Fairfield County who demonstrate outstanding commitment to teaching conservation, environmental awareness, and natural resource education to students. Liberty Union Elementary School Fourth-Grade Teacher, **Mrs. Karen Walter**, has been selected to receive this prestigious award. **Mrs. Walter's**



fourth-grade students study both land use and water quality concepts, often through use of the district land laboratory. This summer, **Mrs. Walter** participated in a teacher workshop, sponsored by SWCD, learning additional environmental education information to share with her students. She also received an environmental education grant from SWCD for a project based upon the Great Blue Heron. Congratulations to **Mrs. Walter**, and thanks for your dedicated zeal for learning and teaching!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE WORK



OHIO "GREEN FLEET" AWARD



The Ohio Department of Transportation recently awarded the LU-T School District "Three-Star Green Fleet" status, for district efforts to reduce bus emissions and reduce transportation costs through energy savings. At the September meeting of the LU-T Board of Education, Transportation Supervisor, **Judy Cleland**, was recognized for her efforts to secure grant funding for emissions equipment, implement changes in bus idling practices, and for reduced fuel consumption by the district bus fleet. **Mrs. Cleland** and LU-T board members are shown.

FAITH LUTHERAN DONATES TO CARING CONNECTIONS

Faith Lutheran Church Council President, **Mike Bruning**, is



pictured, with a donation check from Faith Lutheran Church, for the "Caring Connections" elementary school counseling program. Recently, the LU-T School District purchased a parcel of land from the church, which enabled the school district to place the new middle school in an ideal position on the school property. The purchase price for the land was \$1,000. The church membership voted to give \$960 of that \$1,000 (minus title fees) to the "Caring Connections" program. Our sincere thanks to the Faith Lutheran Church membership for their generous help with both the land sale and assistance with "Caring Connections!"

BALTIMORE LIONS CLUB DONATES TO CARING CONNECTIONS



Lions Club President, **Hugh Schaffner**, is pictured as he presents a check for \$1,000 to the "Caring Connections" elementary school counseling program. Each year, "Caring Connections" assists many students and their families, through services at the elementary school. The Baltimore Lions Club members spend many hours each year to raise money for worthwhile projects in our community. We thank the Lions Club members for their hard work, and for the much-needed donation to this community-based counseling effort.

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Oct. 12-16	Fairfield County Fair - No School
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Break - No School
Dec. 21-Jan. 2	Winter Break - No School
Jan. 4	School Resumes
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day - No School
Feb. 15	Presidents Day - No School
April 2-5	Spring Break - No School
May 28	Student Last Day
May 31	Memorial Day - No School
May 30	3:15 p.m. - Graduation

SWEETCORN FESTIVAL QUEEN



Congratulations to senior LUHS student **Kendra Heistand**, who was crowned the 2009 Millersport Sweetcorn Festival Queen. **Kendra** will represent LUHS and the Sweetcorn Festival throughout the coming year. On **Kendra's** behalf, the Sweetcorn Festival also donated \$275 to the LUHS Marching Band.

LIBERTYUNION FFA ATTENDS FFA CAMP

This summer Liberty Union FFA members and advisors spent a week at FFA camp. Members learned to work together as a team and practiced leadership skills through recreational tournaments including basketball, sand volleyball, horseshoes, and treasure hunts, canoeing and kayaking. Liberty Union students who attended camp this summer (pictured left to right): Advisor, **Tim Turner, Sami Lane, Jarvis Meadows, Aaron Goodman, Garret Price, Logan Taylor, Christina Ciofani**, Advisor, **Cassie Yantis, Kim Zollinger, Kelsey Holbrook, Bruce Hawthorne, Autumn Thompson, Elise Kelley, Max Lindsey, Casey Donahue, Deanna Marquart, Michael Speakman, Mick Griffith, Becky Cooley, Kaity Justice, Trisha Steffen, Hayden Cook, Ryan Mack, Quinton Cook, Taylor Justice, Natalie Hutton, and Jared Sims.**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 5:00 7 th Gr FB & 6:30 8 th Gr FB @ Licking Heights 5:00 Jr Hi VB vs Berne Union 5:30 Fr VB vs Bexley 5:30 Boys Soc vs Marion-Frank- lin @ Elem	6 TBA Boys Golf Dist III 5:00 Jr Hi VB @ Harvest Prep 8th Gr ONLY 6:00 JV VB & 7:30 VB @ Grandview 7:15 Girls Soc @ Granville	7	8 5:00 Boys Soc @ Fisher 6:00 JV VB & 7:30 VB vs Berne Union 7:15 Girls Soc vs West Jeff	9 7:30 FB @ Berne Un	10 10:00 CC & Jr Hi CC vs Canal Winches- ter @ Elementary 10:00 JV FB vs Berne Union 11:00 JV VB & 12:30 VB vs Harvest Prep
11	12 Fair Co Fair NO School 5:00 Jr Hi VB vs Licking Heights 5:30 8 th Gr FB @ Berne Union 7:00 Brd of Ed Mtg	13 Fair Co Fair NO School 6:00 JV VB & 7:30 VB @ Licking Heights 7:00 Girls Soc @ Columbus Academy	14 Fair Co Fair NO School	15 Fair Co Fair NO School 10:15 Fair County Band Parade 5:00 Jr Hi VB @ Millersport 6:00 JV VB & 7:30 VB vs Millersport 7:15 Boys Soc vs Harvest Prep	16 Fair Co Fair NO School TBA Boys Golf State III @ OSU 7:30 FB vs Fisher Catholic (Jr Hi Rec)	17 TBA Boys Golf State III @ OSU 10:00 CC & Jr Hi CC Mid- State @ Berne Union 10:00 JV FB @ Fisher TBA 7th Gr VB Tourn @ Harvest Prep vs TBA 8th Gr VB Tourn @ Berne Union vs 5:00 BINGO
18	19 6:30 8 th Gr FB vs St Mary	20	21	22	23 7:30 FB vs Harvest Prep (Sr Night)	24 10:00 Boys & Girls Var CC Cent Dist @ Watkins Memorial 10:00 JV FB @ Harvest Prep
27	27	27	28	29	30 7:30 FB @ W Jeff	31 TBA CC Regional @ Pick North

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

2009-2010 ATHLETIC EVENT PRICES			
Sport	Adult	Student	Golden Buckeye
Varsity	\$5	\$3	Free
All Others	\$4	\$2	Free
All Season Pass	\$75	\$50	

Any graduate of Liberty Union High School or Thurston High School may obtain more information or an application for future Athletic Hall of Fame induction by contacting Mr. Scott Williamson, Athletic Director, at 500 Washington Street, Baltimore, Ohio 43105, or by phone at (740) 862 - 4107.