

LIBERTY UNION - THURSTON

LOCAL SCHOOLS

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LION REPORT

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November, 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.

Message from the Superintendent:

Cases of flu-related illness are on the increase, although we have been fortunate to this point, with relatively small numbers of student and staff absence. Our school nurse is monitoring information provided by the Fairfield County Health Department on a daily basis, looking for any new directives for school districts. At this point, it is important for everyone to follow guidelines for flu prevention, provided by the Center for Disease Control, which include frequent hand-washing, covering of coughs, and staying home with flu symptoms. Parent permission packets have been sent home with all students, so that H1N1 vaccinations can be provided for our students, at no cost to parents. The Fairfield County Health Department has establish vaccination dates for our school district, and will send a team of professionals, so that we can quickly get all students (with parent permission) vaccinated, with a minimum of disruption to the school day. On Monday, November 16th, the team from the FCHD will vaccinate students at the elementary school, and on Tuesday, November 17th, the team will vaccinate middle school and high school students. At a later date, the Fairfield County Health Department will establish a vaccination clinic at one of the school sites for community members. When that date is set, we will post it on our district website.

Evaluation of high school renovation bids is nearly completed. The bids for each of five contracts are all below cost estimates, so the project is well within the budgeted amount. Once the Ohio School Facilities Commission approves the bidders recommended by the school district, a notice to proceed with the renovation can be issued, sometime later this month. Some re-design of the middle school building was authorized, in order to implement a full geothermal heating and cooling system for the building. I am very excited about this aspect of the project, as it will provide significant energy savings and energy cost savings for decades to come. That design work has been completed, and final bid documents are being prepared. Bids for the new middle school will be advertised shortly.

Our school district has been recognized nationally for our efforts to reduce bus emissions and conserve fuel. At the national "Green Fleet" award ceremony, held in Chicago, Illinois, the LU-T District was one of only two school districts to be recognized for implementing one of the top forty transportation energy and emission programs in America! For the complete list of Green Fleet award winners, check our website.

"Thank You" to everyone who helped to make the 2009 LU-T fair booth a success. The junior-senior prom, music and athletic programs share the profits from this annual project.

Paul Mathews

ADMINISTRATION

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|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paul E. Mathews , Superintendent | 862-4171 |
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Happy
Thanksgiving



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Liberty Union High School "Students of the Month" for October are **Nick Tennant** and **Aaron Young**.



Nick Tennant, son of Judi Tennant and Jeff Tennant, is a sophomore student at LUHS, with a 3.2 grade-point average. **Nick** is a member of the Varsity Soccer Team and the Track Team. **Nick** is a scholar athlete who is also active in the FFA program.



Aaron Young, son of Todd and Maggie Young, is a junior student at LUHS. He has a 3.0 grade-point average. **Aaron** is a captain of the Varsity Soccer Team, and also plays club soccer in the off-season. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Foreign Language Club.

Nick and **Aaron** will be recognized at the November 9th Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

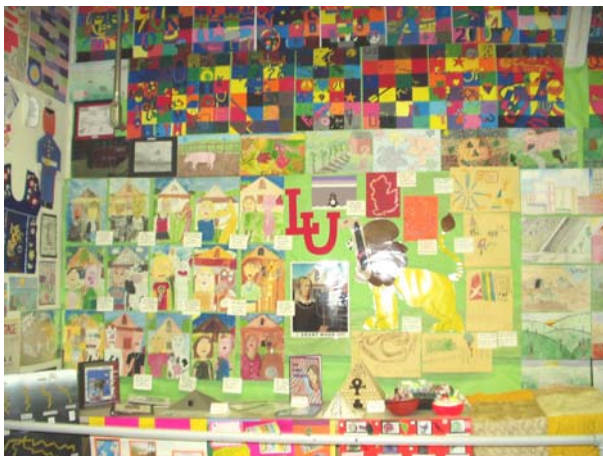
The "Teacher of the Month" for October is **Mrs. Katie Hochradel**, intervention specialist at Liberty Union Middle School.

She was selected by her peers to receive this award, and she will be recognized at the November 9th 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!



COUNTY FAIR DISPLAY



MILITARY SPOTLIGHT

This month, we recognize the military service of **Mr. Jim McKay**. **Jim** is a 1980 graduate of Harrison High School, Arkansas. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1982, and served for eight years. **Jim** completed basic training at the



Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He then completed an additional two years of training in Orlando, Florida, and Saratoga, New York, through the Naval Nuclear Power School. Trained as an electrician, **Jim** had the opportunity to

spend nearly two years assisting in the construction of the U.S.S. Alaska, a nuclear ballistic submarine. Stationed on the U.S.S. Alaska after completion, **Jim** completed eight three-month tours before the end of his service career in 1990, and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal and Good Conduct Medal. **Jim** and his spouse were married in 1987, and moved to the Baltimore area in 1994. One daughter is a LUHS graduate, and another will graduate in 2010. **Jim** has volunteered extensively in the community, through the youth soccer, T-ball, softball and basketball programs, as well as with the Liberty Union Music Boosters. We thank **Jim** for his service to America through the United States Navy, and for his efforts to benefit the youth of our community.

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.

COUNTY FAIR DISPLAY

Many student work samples were on display at the Fairfield County Fair, in a special exhibit in the art hall. Thanks to staff members Kelly Biddle and Vittorio Tambaro for creating the display, and to all the staff and students for their effort in providing such great examples of classroom activities!

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VFW DONATION

On behalf of Baltimore VFW Post 3761, **Post Commander Gary Reef** and Ladies Auxiliary member, Cinda Duggan, presented a donation of \$200 to the Liberty Union Elementary School Library, for library books and educational materials. Our sincere thanks to all VFW members for their thoughtful donation!



HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION

Senior student **Heather Heistand**, daughter of Tim and Lora Heistand, was inducted into the Fairfield Career Center National Technical Honor Society, during a ceremony on October 8, 2009.



Heather is completing the Health Technician program at the Fairfield Career & Technical Center, and was one of only seventeen students to earn this special recognition. Congratulations, Heather!

LIONS' ROAR YEARBOOK

The 2010 Yearbook Staff members are busy reporting on school events, taking photos, designing page layouts, and making plans for the 2010 Yearbook. Staff members are also working on advertising. The support of local businesses is appreciated! The Lions' Roar editor is **Jayce Born** and assistant editor is **Taylor Matthews**. Staff members include: **Cierra Bailey, Kearstin Bailey, Jessica Chipukaizer, Kendra Heistand, Christina Kohler, Hannah Montgomery, Katelyn Perrine, Jared Sims, Matt Thompson, Elijah Varney, Klare Williamson and Grant Witte**.

The Yearbook Staff has just enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program as a way to raise funds for our organization and keep books at a reasonable rate for our students. If you shop at Kroger, our staff will earn funds when you use your Kroger Plus Card. Kroger will send a reward check to the Yearbook Staff based on the percentage of spending of our group. Enrollment is quick and easy. Please consider supporting the Yearbook Staff and all LUHS students by enrolling in this program. Just go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to enroll. Our organization number is 84865. If you have questions, contact yearbook advisor, **Candy Berry** at 862-4107.

The 2009 yearbooks arrived in August and most books were distributed at that time. We are looking for the following individuals whose books we have waiting on our shelves. Please call the high school office to make arrangements to pick up your yearbook.

2009: Nick Ford, Tara Friedrich, Lee Hayes, Jacob Jackson, Ethan Joos, Zachary McDaniel, Benny Muncy, Chris Sanders, Kevin Shaeffer, Eric Smith, Tasha Tracy

2008: Maddy Carter, Ashley Gaskill, Jennelle Messer

2007: John French

2006: Brittany Gabalski, Brandon Fry, Cayla Ewing

2005: Paul McGill, Aubrey Scheidegger, Casey Walters

2004: Derrick Bayes, Allen Boyer, Derrick Hubner, Paul Jones, Jordon Kay, Crystal Klein, Renea Ruple, Clint Shade, Andrew Stiverson

2003: Patrick Hines, Brittani Kinnear, Tim Shaffer, Tressa Swanson, Mike Tope

2002: Andrew Pumphrey

2001: Jennifer Benson, Josh Gilbert, Jason Harris



2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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|----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

Note: If an energy, weather, or other crisis occurs, make-up days will be added to the calendar as an adjustment for school closings according to the following priority:

April 5; after that, days will be added to the end of the school year.

DID YOU KNOW??

The Liberty Union School District was formed in 1898.

The district contains fifty-one square miles, in and around the Village of Baltimore.

| Subdivision | Percent of Subdivision's Assessed Valuation within the School District | Percent of the School District's Assessed Valuation within the Subdivision |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fairfield County | 4.92% | 100% |
| Village of Baltimore | 100.00% | 33.34% |
| Village of Thurston | 100.00% | 3.40% |
| Liberty Township | 37.38% | 46.67% |
| Walnut Township | 12.45% | 9.99% |
| Pleasant Township | 3.88% | 3.76% |
| Greenfield Township | 3.34% | 3.30% |
| Violet Township | 0.08% | 0.55% |


DISTRICT FINANCES:

(Fiscal Year 2009 Final Report)

| Expenditures | Percent | Actual Amount |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Real Estate Taxes | 21.00% | \$2,658,064 |
| Personal Property Taxes | 2.20% | 275,541 |
| Income Tax | 23.30% | 2,939,854 |
| Investments | 0.75% | 95,063 |
| Other Local Receipts | 3.65% | 464,802 |
| Foundation | 44.00% | 5,538,552 |
| Homestead & Rollback | 4.30% | 541,490 |
| Other State Receipts | 0.80% | 100,373 |
| Total Receipts | 100.00% | \$12,613,759 |

| Source of Revenue | Percent | Actual Amount |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Salaries | 56.8% | \$6,657,897 |
| Fringe Benefits | 18.2% | 2,129,548 |
| Purchased Services | 15.0% | 1,762,854 |
| Materials & Textbooks | 4.9% | 573,717 |
| Capital Outlay (Equipment) | 2.1% | 250,663 |
| Other Expenditures | 3.0% | 355,892 |
| Total Expenditures | 100.0% | \$11,730,571 |

November, 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3  Election Day 7:30 Music Boosters | 4 7:30 Athletic Boosters | 5 | 6 3:30-6:00 Schwan's Food Truck Sale @ Elementary | 7 10:00 Girls BB Var & JV Scrim @ Grove City Christian 11:00 Boys & Girls CC State Meet @ Scioto Downs 5:00 BINGO |
| 8 | 9 7:00 Brd of Ed Mtg | 10 | 11 | 12 7:00 March Band Concert | 13 6:00 Girls BB Var Scrim vs Chillicothe & Tree of Life | 14 10:00 Girls BB Var & JV Scrim vs Newark Catholic & Circleville TBA Elem Mother-Daughter Event |
| 15 | 16 | 17 6:00 Boys Var BB Scrim @ Tree of Life | 18 9:30-1:30 All-County Choir Practice @ Millersport HS | 19 5:30 Girls Var & JV BB Scrim @ Utica | 20 6:00 Boys Var & JV BB Scrim vs Crooksville 6:00 Girls Var & JV BB Scrim @ Canal Winchester | 21 5:00 BINGO |
| 22 | 23 1:00-5:00 All-County Choir Practice & 7:00 Concert @ Millersport HS | 24 | 25 NO School | 26 Thanksgiving | 27 NO School 4:30 Girls JV BB & 6:00 Girls Var BB vs Bay Village @ Great Lakes Classic 6:00 Boys Var & JV Scrim @ Sheridan | 28 Band in Parade @ Gahanna 10:30 Girls JV BB & 12:00 Girls Var BB vs Laurel Academy @ Midpark Great Lakes Classic |
| 29 | 30 | 1 6:00 Girls JV & 7:30 Girls Var BB @ Bloom Carroll 7:30 Music Boosters | 2 7:30 Athletic Boosters | 3 | 4 6:00 Boys JV & 7:30 Boys Var BB vs Amanda Clearcreek Parent Recognition | 5 10:00 Var Wrestling @ Circleville Invitational 1:00 Girls JV & 2:30 Girls Var BB vs Fisher Catholic Parent Recognition 5:00 BINGO |

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.