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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:

In May, 2005, voters in the community approved a five-year, half-percent income tax operating levy for the school district. That levy will expire in 2010. After a review of options, the LU-T Board of Education has approved a resolution placing a renewal of that levy on the May 4, 2010 ballot. The renewal would be for an additional five-year period, and the rate of tax would remain at a half-percent. The "Citizens for LU-T Schools" will be helping to provide additional information about the levy renewal to voters between now and May 4th. As always, our District Treasurer, David Butler and I are available to answer your specific financial questions regarding the school district. Please feel free to call or email either of us.

Immunization clinics have been held for LU-T students, and each student with parental consent received the H1N1 vaccination. A follow-up clinic will be scheduled in January so that students under nine years of age have an opportunity to receive a second dose. The latest information from the Fairfield County Department of Health is that open community clinics will not be set up at school sites. However, free H1N1 immunization is available to community members. Check with the Fairfield County Department of Health for dates, times and locations.

Renovation of the high school is under way. During the period of renovation, parking areas behind the high school as well as behind the middle school are a part of the construction zone. Please do not attempt to park or walk through these areas. Please use the front side of the middle school and high school buildings and the covered walkway as safe walking locations, and use the parking lots in front of the high school when attending events scheduled outside of regular school hours.

I hope that the start of the New Year (and new decade) will be positive for you. Thank you for your continued support of our school district, as we strive for academic excellence.

Paul Mathews

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

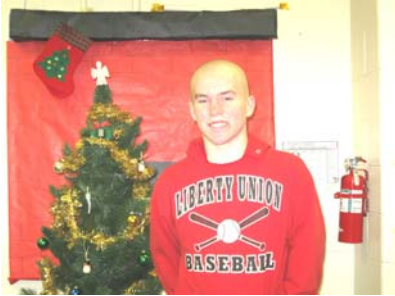
The High School Chorale, under the direction of Mrs. Emily Fisher, performed many times during the month of December, in concert, and for various community organizations. They are pictured here, singing at an assembly for the elementary school students.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Liberty Union High School “Students of the Month” for December are **Quinton Cook** and **Heather Hite**.

Quinton Cook, son of Brad and the late Amy Cook, is a senior student at LUHS, with a 3.4 grade-point average. **Quinton** is a member of the Varsity Golf Team, is an active FFA member, and also plays hockey. He helps to organize “Amy’s Army” events, in support of cancer research.



Heather Hite, daughter of Kevin Hite and Tanya and Randy Quilliam, is a senior student at LUHS. She has a 4.0 grade-point average, and is a member of the National Honor Society. **Heather** is also a member of the Foreign Language Club and High School Chorus. She works a part-time job, and helps her aunt with the care of foster children.



Quinton and **Heather** will be recognized at the January 11th Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

The “Teacher of the Month” for December is Mrs. **Mindy Beery**, 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 January 11th 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!



4TH GRADERS PERFORM AT GRILEY HOUSE

HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION HAS BEGUN



MILITARY SPOTLIGHT



This month, we recognize the military service of **Mark A. Yenichek II**. He graduated from Liberty Union High School in 2006. **Mark** enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and completed basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina in June, 2009. Following his graduation from boot camp, **Mark** received specialized training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina, attending the Marine Corps School of Infantry. His advanced training

in small arms, automatic weapons systems, explosives, land navigation, and unit battle tactics, has earned him classification as an Infantry Rifleman. **Mark** is currently attached to the Second Battalion, Ninth Marine Regiment at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. We thank Mark for his service to America through the United States Marine Corps!

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.

MUSIC BOOSTERS OFFERING MARKET DAY

The Music Boosters are now offering Market Day. Order forms will be sent home with all middle and high school students after the holiday break, but you may order at any time online at marketday.com. The school ID number is 28099 or you can use the 43105 zip code to locate the school. Anyone who orders in January will receive a free Market Day tote bag. Pick up dates will be the third Saturday of each month from 9-10:30 beginning on January 23rd in the Middle School cafeteria. Any questions can be sent to MusicMktDay@libertyunion.org.

LIONS CLUB DONATION

Lions Club Treasurer, **Ron Bibler**, is pictured, presenting Liberty Union High School Principal Ed Miller with a \$250 donation to the Renaissance Student Recognition Program. Our thanks to the Lions Club membership for their continued support!



2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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.	

LIBERTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Barry Blackstone, a '64 graduate, played football, basketball and track four years. **Mr. Blackstone's** senior campaign in football earned him 1st Team All Mid-State League recognition, 1st Team All Central District honors, and a spot on the 1st Team All-Ohio Squad. **Barry** attended Fairmont State College; he was named "Most Valuable Player" in the NAIA National Championship Game during his senior season.



Mr. Blackstone was a teacher for 36 years and has been a football coach for 40 years. He earned district level "Coach of the Year" honors while coaching at Troy High School, Lima Senior High School, Hilliard High School and Jonathan Alder High School.

Barry is currently the head football coach at Madison Plains High School. He lives in West Jefferson with his wife Relva. They have two daughters, Alicia and Koren, and six grandchildren.

Larry Blackstone also graduated in 1964. He played four years on the football, basketball and track teams. In 1963, he was the bat boy for the Columbus Jets baseball team.



Mr. Blackstone earned 1st Team All Mid-State League recognition following his senior season in football. **Larry** attended Fairmont State College; he was a member of the 1968 NAIA National Championship Team. He was named All League, All American on both offense and defense, and the West Virginia "Amateur Athlete of the Year" following the 1968 season. **Larry** was drafted by the Oakland Raiders football team.

Larry has been a teacher and coach for 40 years. He coached college football for eleven years and high school for 29 years. **Larry** has served as a head coach at the high school level for 21 seasons and at the college level for six years.

Mr. Blackstone is a member of the Hall of Fame at both Fairmont State College and Salem College. He was the Ohio Division II Football Coach of the Year in 1992, while coaching at Jackson High School.

Mr. Blackstone currently teaches at Lancaster High School and coaches at Fairfield Union. He lives in Carroll with his wife, Debbie; they have one daughter, Jessica, and son-in-law, Ryan.

George Shreyer, a 1964 grad, lettered four years in both football and track.

The football team recorded a 9-1 record **George's** senior year. He was named first team All Mid-State League and 1st Team All-Ohio.

His college career took him to Fairmont State College, where he lettered four years in football and was named to the All-American NAIA football squad. His senior year, Fairmont State was named NAIA National Champions.



After stops at Ashtabula Harbor and Boardman High Schools, he coached football and wrestling. **George** returned to Fairfield County to be a guidance counselor and coach at Fairfield Union High School. He was the varsity football coach from 1977-1987. He served as Athletic Director from 1987-2009. **George** has served as a wrestling official for 25 years.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME Continued

Professional honors **Mr. Shreyer** has achieved include: Mid-State League Football Coach of the Year - two times; Mid-State League President - three terms; District 13 Football Coach of the Year - 1981; Ohio Football Coaches Association North/South Coach - 1981; State Wrestling Officials Hall of Fame - 1999; Mid-State Hall of Fame - 2002; Southeastern District Athletic Directors Hall of Fame - 2003; Southeastern District Athletic Director of Year - 2006; Fairfield Union Athletic Hall of Fame - 2006; OIAAA Ethics and Integrity Award - 2008;

Mr. Shreyer lives in Bremen with his wife, Linda.

Matt Mullins, a 1994 graduate, played three years varsity baseball and soccer and two years of varsity basketball. **Mr. Mullins** was named the offensive player of the year in soccer following his senior season.

In basketball, **Matt** earned Second Team All Mid-State League honors and honorable mention on the All District 11.

Mr. Mullins was an infielder and a pitcher. At the conclusion of his senior season, he was named First Team All-Mid State League and First Team All Central District. **Matt** earned All-Ohio 2nd Team honors for his efforts on the field. **Mr. Mullins** compiled a .493 batting average and totaled 31 singles during that season. Liberty Union's baseball team earned the baseball coaches association poll championship with a 27-3 record during **Matt's** senior season.

Mr. Mullins attended Ohio Dominican College and graduated with degrees in Business Administration and Economics. At Ohio Dominican, **Mr. Mullins** compiled a career pitching record of 25-4 with an ERA of 2.97.

Matt currently works for Grove City Police Department as a patrolman and major traffic accident investigator. He lives in Circleville and has two children, Marissa and Brady.



John Varney, a '94 grad, earned four letters in baseball and three



letters in both basketball and football. In football, **Mr. Varney** earned Honorable Mention All Mid-State League recognition as a sophomore, 2nd team All Mid-State League honors as a junior, and 1st Team All Mid-State League honors as a senior.

In basketball, as a junior, **John** was named 2nd team All Mid-State League, and Honorable Mention on both the Central District and Coaches District 11 teams. As a senior, he garnered 1st Team All Mid-State League, 2nd Team All District 11 and Honorable Mention All Central District honors. **Mr. Varney** totaled 339 rebounds and 56 three point field goals during the 93-94 season.

John was a first baseman and a pitcher. As a senior, **Mr. Varney** recorded many impressive offensive statistics. He totaled 56 runs, 51 RBI's, 48 hits, 9 home runs and 15 doubles while batting .505. His efforts earned him 1st Team All Mid-State League and Central District honors. He was named to the Agonis Club Dispatch and Mizuno All-Ohio Series First Teams. **John** was the Central District and "Home Plate Club" Division III Player of the Year. He earned First Team All-Ohio honors for the 1994 season.

Mr. Varney is currently a member of Local 189 Plumbers and Fitters Union. He volunteers coaching youth baseball, football and basketball. **John** lives in Baltimore with his wife, Stacy; they have two children, Kyle and Kaleb.

January, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Jr Hi Girls BB 5:00 7 th Gr vs Fairfield Christian 6:00 8 th Gr vs Harvest Prep Jr Hi Boys BB @ Harvest Prep 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr	5 Girls BB vs Licking Heights (Youth Recognition) 6:00 JV; 7:30 Var Boys BB @ Miller 6:00 JV; 7:30 Var Music Boosters	6 Athletic Boosters	7 Jr Hi Girls BB vs Licking Heights 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr Jr Hi Boys BB @ Licking Heights 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr 6:00 Swim @ Rosecrans 7:00 Elem Boosters	8 3:30 Elem Boost Schwan Truck Sale Boys BB vs Berne Un (Jr Hi Recog) 4:30 Fresh; 6:00 JV & 7:30 Var 6:00 Var Wrestling & 6:00 Jr Hi Wrestling @ Marion Pleasant	9 9:15 Swim @ Ohio State 10:00 Var Wrestling @ Licking Heights Girls BB @ Millersport NO JV Game; 1:00 Var
10	11 Jr Hi Girls BB @ Millersport 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr Jr Hi Boys BB vs Millersport 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr 7:00 Brd of Ed Mtg	12 Boys BB @ Harvest Prep 6:00 JV; 7:30 Var	13	14 Jr Hi Girls BB @ St Marys 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr Jr Hi Boys BB vs St Marys 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr	15 End 1 st Semester Girls BB @ Fisher 6:00 JV; 7:30 Var	16 9:00 Swim @ Canton 9:00 Jr Hi Wrestling @ Philo Boys BB @ Licking Heights 6:00 JV; 7:30 5:00 BINGO
17	18 MLK Day No School	19 Begin 2 nd Semester Girls BB vs W Jeff 6:00 JV; 7:30 Var (Jr Hi Recognition) Boys BB @ West Jeff 6:00 JV; 7:30 Var	20 6:00 Var Wrestling @ River Valley	21 Jr Hi Girls BB vs West Jeff 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr Jr Hi Boys BB @ West Jeff 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr Girls BB @ Grandview 6:00 JV; 7:30 Var	22 5:30 Swim @ Newark Boys BB 6:00 JV vs Fairfield Christian 7:30 Var vs Mlspt (Hall of Fame)	23 8:30 Brd of Ed Mtg 10:00 Var Wrestling @ Amanda Clearcreek
24	25 Jr Hi Girls BB @ Grandview Heights 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr Jr Hi Boys BB vs Grandview Hghts 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr	26 Boys BB vs Fisher 4:30 Fresh 6:00 JV 7:30 Var (Youth Recognition) 7:30 Swim @ Lancaster	27 6:30 Swim @ Lancaster	28 Jr Hi Girls BB vs Berne Union 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr Jr Hi Boys BB @ Berne Union 5:00-7 th Gr6:00-8 th Gr 5:30 Var & Jr Hi Wrest @ Columbus Academy	29 Girls BB vs Berne Union 6:00 JV; 7:30 Var	30 9:00 Swim @ Columbus Academy Boys BB vs Danville 6:00 JV; Var 7:30
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