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THE MISSION OF THE  
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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:

Renovation of the high school continues to go well. The first phase of renovation is scheduled to be completed in April. Phase two of the high school renovation will begin upon completion of the first phase, and will include a number of second-floor classrooms as well as the high school gymnasium, locker rooms and the adjoining hallway. These areas will be under construction for the remainder of the current school year, and then the entire high school will be vacated from Memorial Day through Labor Day, to give construction crews time to complete a major share of the renovation work. In order to accommodate second-phase and summer renovation work, a number of adjustments will be necessary, including:

- Commencement for the Class of 2010 (Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>) will be held in the stadium, with the auditorium reserved as a back-up location in case of rain.
- Athletic Booster Bingo will be relocated to the multi-purpose room at the elementary school during June, July, August, and on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The high school administrative and office staff will be relocated to the elementary school during June, July and August.
- During April and May, designated "construction-only" areas will be expanded to include an area in front of the high school.

In case you missed last month's Lion Report, I want to mention again that a request to place a renewal levy on the May 4<sup>th</sup> ballot has been filed with the Fairfield County Board of Elections. This is a renewal of the five-year, half-percent operating levy originally passed in 2005. Voter approval for this issue would keep the school income tax rate for the next five years the same as in the past five years. "Citizens for LU-T Schools" will be assisting to provide voters with information about the levy. A levy "fact sheet" is available for your review on the district website.

School Resource Officer Jason Harget presented his first sixth-grade classes for D.A.R.E. "Graduation" this month. Officer Harget provides educational programs in each of the district school buildings, with activities designed to help



students improve decision-making skills, develop personal boundaries, deal with peer pressure, and learn drug abuse and violence avoidance skills. Officer Harget, as School Resource Officer, joins the LU-T staff through a partnership with the Village of Baltimore, the LU-T School District and a D.A.R.E. grant.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Liberty Union High School "Students of the Month" for January are **Carey Ireland** and **Courtney Pettit**.

**Carrie Ireland**, daughter of Brian and Tracey Ireland, is a senior student at Liberty Union High School, and has a 3.5 grade-point average. Carrie is a member of FFA, and FCCLA. She is also the Student Council President. **Carrie** runs track each spring, and is also a Varsity Cheerleader.



**Courtney Pettit**, daughter



of Kacy and Julie Pettit, is also a senior student at Liberty Union High School, and has a 3.7 grade-point average. **Courtney** is a member of the Symphonic Choir, and performed in the Ohio Music Education Association Solo and Ensemble Competition.

**Courtney** is also a member of FCCLA.

**Carey** and **Courtney** will be recognized at the March 8th Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

## TEACHER OF THE MONTH

The "Teacher of the Month" for February is **Mr. Andrew Haines**. **Mr. Haines** teaches Industrial Technology and Physical Education at LUHS. He was selected by his peers to receive this award, and he will



be recognized at the March 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 2009/2010 school year!

## SENIOR STUDENT RECOGNIZED



Senior student, **Jayce Born**, has been selected by the Zonta Club of Columbus as one of twelve "Outstanding Young Women in Central Ohio" for 2010. **Jayce** was selected on the basis of her academic achievements, leadership qualities, and commitment to service in the community. **Jayce** will be recognized at a reception on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Worthington Hills Country Club. Congratulations, **Jayce**!

## MILITARY SPOTLIGHT

**Roger Myers** is featured this month, for his service in the United States Army. **Roger** and his spouse, Carol, have lived in our community for forty-two years. Their four children all graduated from LUHS. Two grandchildren are also LUHS graduates, and two more are currently enrolled in the school district. **Roger** graduated in 1954 from Jefferson High School. He voluntarily entered the draft in 1956, and completed basic training at Fort Hood, Texas. He then completed advanced combat engineering training. **Roger** was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armor Division, in an armored engineering unit in Germany for sixteen months. He also was a member of a military competition shooting team, participating in shooting competitions all over Germany. Returning from the military in 1958, **Roger** worked at North American Aviation for ten years before taking over operations of their family-owned, Myers Wholesale Sheet Metal Company, in Newark, Ohio. **Roger** ran the company for thirty years before retiring. **Roger** is a fifty-year member of the Masonic Lodge. An avid outdoorsman, **Roger** and his son Duane once walked the entire Appalachian Trail. Here in Ohio, **Roger** is a volunteer member of the Buckeye Trail Association, and he helps maintain part of the fourteen-hundred mile "Buckeye Trail", which loops through the state. We thank **Roger** for his service to America as a member of the United States Army, and for his dedication to our community!



## MUSIC COMPETITION RESULTS

High school music students performed at Ohio Music Education Association Solo & Ensemble Competition on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Pickerington North High School. Soloists and ensembles receiving a I or *Superior* rating:

**Michaela Carte** (Soprano Solo, Class A),  
**Andrew Compton** (Clarinet Solo, Class A),  
**Tiffany Lawless** (Soprano Solo, Class A),  
**Stephanie Saffle** (Soprano Solo, Class A),  
**Clara Bitner** (Tuba Solo, Class B),  
**Scott Cathers** (Tenor Saxophone Solo, Class B),  
**Helen Cothrel** (Flute Solo, Class B),  
**Sheba Smith** (Soprano Solo, Class B),  
**Taylor White** (Mezzo Soprano Solo, Class B),  
**Clarinet Quartet** (Class B),  
**Saxophone Quartet** (Class B),  
**Mixed Vocal Ensemble** (Class C),  
**Flute Trio** (Class C).

Soloists and ensembles receiving a II or Excellent rating:

**Michaela Carte** (Alto Solo, Class A),  
**Barrett Lawlis** (Alto Saxophone Solo, Class A),  
**Krista Mathews** (Soprano Solo, Class A),  
**Clara Bitner** (Euphonium Solo, Class B),  
**Mikayla Hintz** (Mezzo Soprano Solo, Class B),  
**Chelsea Payne** (Soprano Solo, Class B),  
**Tommy Robinson** (Tenor Solo, Class B),  
**Trevon Fout** (Baritone Solo, Class C),  
**Courtney Montanye** (Soprano Solo, Class C),  
**Courtney Pettit** (Soprano Solo, Class C),  
**Autumn Johnson** (Flute Solo, Class C),  
**Eilis Kelly** (Marimba Solo, Class C),  
**Trumpet Trio** (Class C).

Congratulations to all of the students who performed! LUHS vocal music students are under the direction of **Mrs. Emily Fisher**, and instrumental music students are under the direction of **Mr. Ben Factor**.

## SPELLING BEE RESULTS

The annual middle school spelling competition, for students in grades six through eight, was held on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Competitors were: (Grade Eight) **Wyatt Henderson, Kayla Kemmerling, Tristan Mooney, Heather Pullins, Alex Spence**; (Grade Seven) **Zach Armstrong, Kaitlyn Beerman, Kenzie Brownfield, Amanda Holbrook, Kaylee Landis, Autumn Marcum, Marissa McCray, Seth Radigan**; (Grade Six) **Karli Beerman, Keven Keister, Austin McClelland, Allen Pilkington, Abby Smith**. The Middle School Champion and Eighth-Grade

Champion is **Tristan Mooney**. The alternate speller for grade eight is **Kayla Kemmerling**. The Middle School Runner-Up and Seventh-Grade Champion is **Kenzie Brownfield**. The alternate speller for grade seven is **Autumn Marcum**. The Sixth-Grade Champion is **Austin McClelland**, and the alternate speller for

grade six is **Allen Pilkington**.

The elementary school spelling competition, for students in grades four and five, was also held on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Competitors were: (Grade Five) **David Black, Halle Harris, Isaac May, Hunter Patterson, Tanner Sims, Claire Smith,**

**Lauren Springer, Sarah Staples, Christine Wagner**; (Grade Four) **Sarah Bader, Nicholas Barker, Daniel Carpenter, Alison Ety, Jake Fisher,**

**Ostin Kirkpatrick, Asceney Nafsgar, Claudia Rogers, Savannah Simonson**. The Fifth-Grade Champion is **Isaac May**, and the

alternate speller for grade five is **Tanner Sims**. The Fourth-Grade Champion is **Claudia Rogers**, and the alternate speller for grade four is **Savannah Simonson**.

Grade-level Champions will advance to the Fairfield County Spelling Competition, which will be held at Ohio University-Lancaster on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



## SENATOR SCHAFFER VISITS LU-T FOURTH-GRADERS

State Senator Tim Schaffer took time from his busy schedule last week to visit the elementary school and talk with fourth-grade students. They discussed the role of government, the role of those who represent us in the legislature, and how laws are made. Students also had an opportunity to ask Senator Schaffer questions about our government. It was a special day of learning! Thanks, Senator Schaffer.



## LOCAL SCIENCE FAIR

The LUHS Science Fair was held on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the thirty-one students who earned "Superior" ratings, qualifying them to move to the District Science Fair on March 27<sup>th</sup>. **Travis Arnold, Nicole Belcher, Makiah Bitner-Sorrell, Parker Bozman, Jonathan Bukey, Michael Burkey, Rebekah Cooley, Brandon Dobos, Brenna Eddy, Kaitlyn Engle, Trevon Fout, Braham Glasgow, Cole Howes, Eilis Kelly, Abby Lindsey, Josh Matthews, Jacob Motts, Madison Peck, Stefanie Russell, Grace Schaffner, McKenzie Shell, Jesse Shirey, Madison Shook, Maria Simon, Kyle Smith, Austin Vannatta, Kyanne Wiley, and Logan Winkler**.

Three students received perfect scores (40) on their project!



Congratulations to **Kayleigh Caito, Alexander Carrico** and **Janson Bowers** (pictured).

## 2010 PROM

The 2010 prom is fast approaching, and Prom Advisor, **Courtney Gornall**, is seeking high school parent volunteers to help chaperone the prom and after-prom activities on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help, please contact Mrs. Gornall at the elementary school at 862-4143 or through email at [gornallc@libertyunion.org](mailto:gornallc@libertyunion.org).

## 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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.**

March, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 Brd of Ed Mtg	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 2010-2011 Kgn Parent Mtg 6:00 Post Secondary & Sr to Soph Parent/Student Mtg	<b>12</b> Dist Band & Choir Contest	<b>13</b> Dist Band & Choir Contest
<b>14</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>15</b> 7:00 Wellness Mtg	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr Concert	<b>19</b> 5:00 Var & JV SB Scrim @ Hilliard Bradley	<b>20</b> 12:00 Var BB Scrim @ Fairfield Union 12:00 JV BB Scrim vs Fairfield Union 5:00 BINGO
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:00 Var & JV SB @ Pickerington Central 5:00 Var BB Scrim @ Groveport Madison 5:00 JV BB Scrim vs Groveport Madison	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:00 Var & JV SB vs Lancaster	<b>25</b> FFA Banquet	<b>26</b> LU Alumni Basketball Tournament 5:00 Var BB vs Independence 5:00 JV BB @ Independence	<b>27</b> LU Alumni Basketball Tournament 11:00 Var SB Preview vs Canal Winchester, Heath, & Mt Gilead 11:00 JV SB Preview @ Canal Winchester vs Heath, Mt Gilead @ Canal Winchester
<b>28</b> LU Alumni Basketball Tournament	<b>29</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr Outdoor Ed @ Pilgrim Hills 4:30 Jr Hi Track vs Canal Winchester 5:00 Var & JV BB vs Zanesville	<b>30</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr Outdoor Ed @ Pilgrim Hills 4:30 Var Track @ Canal Winchester 5:15 Var SB @ Bishop Ready 5:00 Var BB vs Hamilton Township 5:00 JV BB @ Hamilton Township	<b>31</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr Outdoor Ed @ Pilgrim Hills 5:00 Var BB @ Bloom Carroll 5:00 Var BB @ Bloom Carroll 5:00 JV BB vs Bloom Carroll	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Good Friday NO School 5:00 JV BB @ Dublin Coffman	<b>3</b> 5:00 BINGO

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