

THE Northwestern

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March 2024



Business Award of Merit Nomination Form (our 16th year!)

Name of Business _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Owner/Contact Person _____

Contributions to school and/or community: _____

Nominated by: _____ (Deadline: April 15th)

Note: Nomination information may be typed or printed on other paper and attached to this form.

Nominator: Please send to the office of any school building or to the district office to be forward to Superintendent Jeffrey Layton. Nominations can also be e-mailed to Mr. Layton.

Public Speaking Career Development Event



On February 8th members of the Northwestern Wayne FFA competed at GlenOak High School for the Public Speaking career development event. Public speaking may be feared by many, but Northwestern FFA had two students take the lead to deliver a speech and recite the FFA Creed. Public speaking is a great way for students to gain confidence in their abilities, and to be able to speak in front of people. Jamison Gilbert entered in the extemporaneous category. This particular section of the public speaking CDE allows one to showcase their agricultural knowledge and ability to think on their feet by giving a speech and answering questions with limited prep time. During this event, participants draw from 18 agricultural topics then select three of interest. From those three, a student selects the topic of their speech and has 30 minutes to prepare using five resources. Participants then present a four to six-minute speech on their topic to a panel of judges. Jamison's topic was efficient animal handling practices and why it is important to keep animals safe. After his speech, he answered five minutes worth of questions on the topic he just presented. This event challenges students to practice their presentation skills, articulation, and logical thinking and advocate for agriculture and agricultural education. Brooke Hershey recited the FFA Creed. The FFA Creed was written by E. M. Tiffany as a guideline to the FFA. Brooke had to recite it from memory followed by questions on the FFA Creed. Jamison placed 6th for the extemporaneous category, and Brooke placed 6th for reciting the FFA Creed. Just as the FFA Creed states, "I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others" both Jamison and Brooke have displayed their leadership in the Public Speaking CDE.

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District twitter account up and live! Log onto @NW_Schools
Live Broadcast of Events:
<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/sportslive14>



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Athletic Wall of Fame

Please consider submitting a nomination form for individual or teams deserving of being honored into the 2024 class of the Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame.

Important information from our Dec. NWFC Committee meeting:

Husky Community,

This is a fun time of the year, with graduation, fine arts, spring sports, etc. I am personally spending more time with students through many scholarship interviews, and other enjoyable activities at the end of the SY! We are also attaining goals, continually striving to improve in all capacities, tying-up loose-ends (such as reports, audits, interviews, hiring employees and coaches), preparing for summer projects across campus and within buildings (such as asphaltting, mowing, landscaping, athletic fields, painting, repairs, etc.). We continually update our textbooks and materials, purchasing replacement Chromebooks, computers, our internet capabilities, cybersecurity, and updating software. Most of all, we are enjoying our students these final months of the school year and advancing them forward another grade level to start next school year!

Know that our school employees continue our efforts to provide the best possible education possible through the limitations and parameters provided to us. Also know that we continue staffing our offices for communications and supports. We strive to support and strengthen our families and our community. If there is anything we as a school district or I myself can do to help and support you and your family during these times, and always, please do not hesitate to contact me. Blessings to each of you and we will continue regularly communicating through text alerts, newsletters, our website, and our official school social media accounts.

At Northwestern our dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators are engaging students, providing rigor, developing relationships and creating opportunities for every student toward attainment of their potential. These are all important as are 21st century skills of developing well-rounded, educated graduates, collaborative problem-solvers, leaders of tomorrow, and all around good people.

Note that The Northwestern has made the transition to entirely web-based newsletters. We will send a text alert at the submission with the posting of each issue moving forward. You will find current and past issues of The Northwestern at this link <https://www.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us/THENorthwestern.aspx> located on the Northwestern District website. Anyone wishing to share information related to our schools and/or the betterment of our community please contact and send information to Superintendent Jeffrey Layton nrws_layton@tccsa.net

Have a fantastic summer!

We will soon be entering what will be my 20th year at the helm of Northwestern. I am very proud of our accomplishments over this time, the relationships which have flourished, and the fantastic opportunities which we provide for our students! While we continually face challenges in our schools – behaviorally, resiliency, and student peer relationships, we continuously strive to keep Northwestern as the great and special place we know we have. Through the leadership of our Board of Education, administrators, staff, students, and parents, strength of our families, faith, and support of our community we will move forward collectively.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful spring and we enter the 2024-2025 school year in August with optimism and appreciation of what we have in our very special community and in our very special school district!

I take great pride in sharing the continued accomplishments of our students, community, and schools. The supports and relationships throughout our community are unique. We can take great pride in our schools and together we can continue to strive for even greater heights. With our dedicated administrators, staff, and community we will continue striving for and achieving well-beyond expectations.

We are all about excellence and increasing expectations at Northwestern. Within our Northwestern family we will continue to focus on the needs of our students. We will continue to prepare our students today for tomorrow's opportunities!

I am always willing to listen to ideas, questions, and concerns from students, parents, and anyone in our community. It is only by asking, sharing, and participating that we can continue our important work. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason and "thank you" for your ongoing support.

- We will have annual inductions until such time as the NWFC Committee determines that it time to go every other year
- We are creating a separate selection committee that will include interested individuals
- We want formal, distinguished bronze plaques for the wall 12X12
- Fall, 2022 was the initial induction class, which was limited to state championship teams and athletes who had won state. Fall 2023 will be the first class inducted through community nominations
- Induction Timeline:
 - ü Create and advertise nomination forms – January-February, 2023
 - ü Nomination Deadline – April 15th(submission to athletic director)
 - ü Selection Committee meets – mid-April
 - ü Selections Made – May 1
 - ü Notify those inducted by June 1st
 - ü Fall, 2023 Induction Ceremony date to be announced and will precede the Football game that evening
- The other information we discussed has been embedded within the nomination form
- Nominations will be submitted to the HS Athletic Director
- Applications will be considered for 5 years from initial nomination. Following the 5 years they can be re-nominated for future consideration
- Selection Committee directions, rubric, and process will be developed in February
- The rubric for selection of nominees will include: Talent, Leadership, Character, Impact on School, Records/Stats, Awards, Letters

Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame

The Objective of the Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame Committee shall be to recognize those individuals and teams who have made outstanding contributions to the Northwestern Athletic programs – including those schools comprised in making Northwestern prior to consolidation - West Salem, Congress, Chester, as well as Northwestern. To this end the NAWFC has established a selection process for the candidates, final selection of candidates, and will disseminate through the media the selection of NAWFC inductees, induction program information, and the nominating process.

The inception of the Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame inductions came about due to the request of former long-time Northwestern High School Principal, Coach Mike Burkholder. As we discussed a way to memorialize Mike following his passing, he had asked that whatever we do in his memory, that we also honor Northwestern athletes. Mike had input into the memorial and athletic wall of fame concept. Mike leaves a lasting legacy of leadership and dedication here at Northwestern and across Wayne County. Mike had incredible passion for our students, student athletes, our staff, and Northwestern Schools.

The result was the creation of The Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Wall of Fame at the entrance of our main Husky Stadium Football and Track Sports Complex. The wall of fame was incorporated into the memorial of a great and compassionate leader, Mike Burkholder. Northwestern Local School District appreciates the contributions of our Husky employees, Husky community, and various organizations & businesses, The Wayne County Community Foundation, as well as the Burkholder family in the more than \$26,000 donated for The Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Wall of Fame in order to recognize our tradition of athletic accomplishments.

Nominees must be:

- Player: 10 or more years post-graduation
- Team: 5 or more years from year being nominated
- Coach: Not currently coaching

NOMINATION FORM

Anyone may submit a nomination to the selection committee by April 1 for consideration for the given year. Inductions will take place every year in the Fall until an updated induction schedule is determined. The committee will consider submitted nominations for 5 years before a re-nomination is required. Please complete the form below in its entirety and return to Northwestern Athletic Director Anita Jorney-Gifford at nrws_ajgifford@tccsa.net

Please type or print. Use the back of this sheet or attachments as necessary. (Individual Student Athlete or Coach Nomination Form)

Name of Nominee _____
 Cell Phone Home Phone _____
 E-mail address _____
 Mailing address _____
 Dates of Attendance at Northwestern High School (student and/or coach) _____
 Year of Graduation: _____

Accomplishments and statistics while attending/coaching Northwestern High School

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Accomplishments and statistics while attending /coaching college

Briefly state why the candidate is deserving of the nomination

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Special Achievements/Contributions of the Nominee during College or Beyond

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Biographical Data about the Nominee

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Name of person submitting nomination _____
 Cell Phone Home Phone _____
 E-mail address _____
 Mailing address _____
 Relationship to Nominee _____ Date Submitted _____

Nominees must be:

Player: 10 or more years post-graduation

Team: 5 or more years from year being nominated

Coach: not currently coaching

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Please type or print. Use the back of this sheet or attachments as necessary.

(Team Nomination Form)

Sport and year of team being nominated

Please list names of coaches and as many players as you can recall (can be attached)

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Team accomplishments and statistics on the given year

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Briefly state why this particular team is deserving of the nomination

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Special Achievements/Contributions by the team

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Additional Biographical Data about the team, players, coaches

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Name of person submitting nomination

Cell Phone Home Phone

E-mail address _____

Mailing address _____

Relationship to Team Date Submitted:

Northwestern Ruritans

Northwestern Ruritan Business Recognition Nominations

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING A WORTHY BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION FOR OUR RURITAN NORTHWESTERN BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION PARTNERSHIP AWARD!

This past year, 2023, Northwestern Local Schools and Northwestern Ruritans recognized 2 Business/Organization Partnership Award Winners for their contributions and support of our Northwestern students, schools, and community

- C.R. Blooms
- Wayne County F.O.P. Lodge

The prior year, in 2021, Northwestern Local Schools and Northwestern Ruritans recognized 3 Business/Organization Partnership Award Winners:

- The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 523 Lodi/West Salem
- Frito-Lay, Wooster Manufacturing Facility

About Northwestern Ruritans:

Northwestern Ruritan meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the Northwestern High School commons. Each meeting begins with a catered meal, followed by a presentation and meeting. Visitors are welcome and new members are encouraged to participate.

Ruritans are about “servant leadership” and about “bettering our community”. New Members are welcome!

Current President Kim Wellert
Past President Chuck Beck
Prior President Dwight Wasson

Stay up on the latest Northwestern News by joining our facebook page at “Northwestern Ruritan Club-W. Salem, Ohio” or visit on the link through our Northwestern website.

Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Businesses Recognition Award winners over the past 12 years include:

Lodi Lumber Koenig’s Korner
Scot Industries LuK, USA
Hagans Construction, Inc. New Pittsburgh Fire & Rescue
Central Farm & Garden, Inc. American Legion Post #499
Commodity Blenders Fuhrman’s IGA
West Salem IGA Town & Country Co-op
Cutter Oil Hud Wharton Excavating Romich Foundation/Prentke Romich
Heffelfinger Meats, Inc.
Wellerts A.C. Parts (2015) Owner Kim Wellert Friendly Wholesale Company of Wooster
Ed Marty Studios G & S Titanium
Wooster Brush HealthPoint/Wooster Community Hospital Schaeffler/LuK, USA
Romich Foundation/Prentke Romich
Rice Farms Milk Cartage 300 Tire & Auto
George’s Alignment American Augers
Congress Township Trustees Wayne County Commissioners
Perry Township Trustees
The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 523 Lodi/West Salem
Frito-Lay, Wooster Manufacturing Facility Wayne County Commissioners
Congress Township Trustees Perry Township Trustees

The Northwestern Ruritan Club is an organization dedicated to the betterment of our community. Our mission is “to make our community a better place in which to live.”

The Ruritans raise funds in three primary ways – by manning the gates of the Wayne County Fair, manning Congress recycling, and through the annual Sausage & Pancake Breakfast held in conjunction with the Northwestern Washington, D. C. Auction the second Saturday of March. There are also several additional projects held in order to raise funds.

The Ruritans provide ongoing community service projects that include:

- Northwestern Husky Brigade – Distributing donations to active military from our community
- Northwestern Husky Brigade Annual Golf Outing
- Community Parade of Flags – new this spring, distribution and setting-up United States Flags
- Providing numerous Northwestern Scholarships each year
- Sponsoring students for various leadership projects and activities
- Community Recycling
- Roadside clean-up
- Donations for families and organizations in need
- Buckeye Boys State & Buckeye Girls State Leadership weekend contributions
- Recognizing area businesses & volunteer organizations for community and school support
- Cemetery clean-up
- Support for our Northwestern Schools
- Support for the Old School House in West Salem
- Support for the West Salem Town & Country Festival
- Numerous ongoing and special activities to support our community
- Northwestern Choir and Drama Program support

On February 20th members and parents of the Northwestern Wayne FFA chapter went snow tubing at Snow Trails from 7:30-9:30 pm. Students and their families were able to hit the slopes with colorful lights lighting up the lanes. Pizza and chips were provided for dinner as well. The groups were able to tube down the slope with a large group or fly down solo. The students who participated in the chapter snow tubing event were Haley Caldwell, Bryce Nussbaum, Brooke Hershey, McKenna Ramsier, Alivia Welch, Ella Saal, Caleb Lahmon, Jake Howman, Collin Rouse, Chet McNeil, Lucas Jenkins, Jacoby Gilbert, Chase Graham, Evan McKay, Keaton Harris, Rylie Ramsier, Audrey Wilcox, Riley Graham, Clara Saal, Ahmad Al-Jamal, Ellie Hanshaw, Kade Tegtmeier, Aden Laney, Mallory Gilbert, Aveon Gray, Luke Wilkinson, and Bricen Snow. Thank you to Snow Trails for hosting our event and to those who made the evening possible! Thank you also to Ohio FFA State Treasurer Emma Wells for joining in a fun evening!



NORTHWESTERN RURITAN CLUB MEETING NEWS RELEASE:

“Helping Our Community Be a Better Place to Live”

The Northwestern Ruritan Club met on Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. for the monthly dinner/meeting at Northwestern High School (NWHS). President Jamie Bowman welcomed members and new members Joyce & Kevin Keener and Bonnie Stull. The group joined in singing "America" and the invocation was given by Jim Johnson. The steak dinner served by the school chefs was enjoyed by all. Members then adjourned to the library for the program and meeting.

Northwestern High School FFA members Kirsten Boreman, Mallory Gilbert, and Kade Tegtmeier did an outstanding job telling about their huge plans collecting food items for “Meals of Hope” (501C3). They plan on the whole high school being involved with packing bags for a minimum of 10,000 meals on March 22 with the “set up” in the school gymnasium. They have funds (\$3,400.00) for 10,000 meals so far and are hoping for more to be donated. The food will be distributed to local “food banks”. This is an excellent example of “servant leadership”! FFA advisors Heather Tegtmeier and Katie Stull Wharton were present also! A motion was passed that the club give \$1,000.00 toward the project.

It was mentioned that next week is FFA week (National FFA). The NWHS Chapter has about 100 members and are an outstanding organization that our community is very proud of! A show of hands was asked of the Ruritan members who were in FFA when they were in high school and a majority of us proudly raised our hands!

Following the program, the Jan. 8 meeting minutes were read and approved. Chuck Beck’s treasurer’s report was approved subject to audit. Club members were asked to fill out survey forms from Ruritan National re: an assessment of our club’s “well-being”. Completed forms will be sent to our Zone 9 Governor. Gold Honor Certificates were received from the Ohio District Ruritan Governor, Dave Wingett, for our Club’s Social Development and Citizenship & Patriotism committees. A Bronze Honor Certificate was received for the Environment committee.

Thank you notes were received from Brett Alberts for his scholarship, from “Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry” and from “One Eighty” for our

donations. The Wayne County Community Foundation sent a grateful acknowledgement of our donation for the Phillip Wigal Scholarship Fund.

Randy Tegtmeier, chair of the Pancake/Sausage Day, reported on plans for the day which will be Sat. Mar. 9. He will get as many supplies as possible through the NWHS kitchen. Gortner’s will furnish pure maple syrup. Hours will be from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm, there will be a “drive through” to pick up meals, he is feeding 8 hogs, the Jr. class will again assist, we will have yard signs to put out, we will have the same prices as last year (\$8.00 per meal, \$7.00 “seniors” over 65, \$5.00 children 6 to 10, free for children under 5 yrs.). Members turned in ads for place mats. The NWHS Junior Class will have a craft sale “fund raiser” in the H.S. gymnasium on that day. A motion was passed that Randy may purchase 20 more yard signs re: our Pancake/Sausage Day (for members to put out) from Murr’s printing. Members are asked to help with “setting up” for the day on Friday (3/8) at 4:30 pm.

Jamie Bowman reported that several people have already signed up for the “Parade of Flags” this year. Chuck Beck plans to send out “Husky Brigade” packages to area soldiers this Spring. Beck will appreciate help with the “Roadside Trash Pickup” this Spring (Rt. 301 between Pleasant Home and Lattasburg).

The meeting was adjourned following the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, The next dinner/meeting will be Mar. 4 at 6:30 pm at NWHS. The Director’s meeting will be at 6:00 that evening in the school library. The meetings are a week early to make final plans for the Pancake/Sausage Day.

Gerald Payn, Club Secretary cell/text 330-234-8005

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT SPRING “HOME-COMING”

55th ANNUAL PANCAKE/SAUSAGE DAY BY THE NORTHWESTERN RURITAN CLUB

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Northwestern High School from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm

Serving both “DINE IN” and “DRIVE BY” !!

* “DINE IN” in the High School Cafeteria

* “DRIVE BY” enter the South drive (towards Lattasburg) and drive by the High School front door to pick up meals

\$8.00 per meal, \$7.00 “seniors” (over 65 yrs.), \$5.00 children 6 to 10, free to children under 5 yrs. old

DELICIOUS PANCAKES, GORTNER’S PURE MAPLE SYRUP, WHOLE HOG” SAUSAGE, and APPLESAUCE

“Whole Hog Sausage” (pre-frozen and fresh) and Gortner’s pure maple syrup will be available for sale to take home!

The High School is located at 7473 North Elyria Rd, West Salem, OH (St. Rt. 301), one mile North of Lattasburg or six miles South of West Salem

All proceeds go towards Northwestern Ruritan Community projects!

The Ruritan Mission is “To Make Our Community a Better Place To Live”!

Hope you can join us!!

Crowd at a previous N.W. Ruritan Pancake/Sausage Day



**NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
HALL OF FAME AND COMMUNITY HALL OF HONOR
INDUCTION CEREMONY AND BANQUET RESERVATION FORM**

Reservation Deadline: June 1, 2024
Non-refundable and not confirmed without payment.

Please enclose a check made payable to: Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association
Mail to: Lois Forbes, 8565 Cedar Valley Rd., West Salem, OH 44287
Please print all information and use the back for any additional names of attendees.

Name: _____ NW Grad Yes No NW Class of _____

Name: _____ NW Grad Yes No NW Class of _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____-____-____ Email Address: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

Included in my check is a donation of \$_____ to assist with future HOF/HOH ceremonies.

Included in my check is a donation of \$_____ to assist with general expenses of the association.

Included in my check is a donation of \$_____ to assist with the NWAFA Scholarship Fund.

I am unable to attend, but please accept my donation of \$_____ to assist with _____.

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ALUMNI HALL OF FAME AND COMMUNITY HALL OF HONOR INDUCTION AND BANQUET

JOIN US!

**Saturday,
June 22, 2024**

Northwestern High School



**CELEBRATE YOUR
HUSKY HERITAGE**

Scan Here for Digital Reservation Form



OR COMPLETE THE ATTACHED PAPER RESERVATION FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Reservation Deadline: *June 1, 2024*

ORDER OF EVENTS

STARTING
AT 03.00 PM

DOORS OPEN
Inductees arrive by 3p.m.

STARTING
AT 03.30 PM

INDUCTION CEREMONY
Hall of Fame & Community Hall of Honor

STARTING
AT 05.00 PM

SOCIAL HOUR

STARTING
AT 06.00 PM

CATERED DINNER

STARTING
AT 07.00 PM

PROGRAM
Honoring the Classes of '54, '64, & '74

NHSHuskiesAlumni@gmail.com



Tyler Keener
Northwestern High
School Principal

High School

The first quarter of the school year will soon be complete, and we are off to a great start. As we continue through the first semester, we will continue to strive for excellence as we intentionally learn, demonstrate, and live out the Traits of Northwestern Huskies. This quarter, we have celebrated 75 of our students who have been nominated by staff and other classmates for going above and beyond to exemplify these traits in our school. We look forward to continuing recognizing our great students throughout the school year!

(insert traits graphic, see attached)

As we continue to prepare our students for real-world readiness, it is important that we partner with our parents. Please continue to visit our website for all the latest news and remember that updated students' grades can always be accessed through Progress-Book. Encourage your student to attend school regularly and complete all class assignments. We are blessed to have extraordinary teachers who can masterfully mold young minds. Please communicate with your student and teacher to best help us create a positive learning environment for all involved.

As always, call and talk to your student's guidance counselor for advice or to share concerns.

Please also talk to your students about the digital footprint they leave on the Internet. Take a moment to discuss with your student the appropriate use of social media, both in and outside of school. Just a conversation can help our students make wise decisions before they post on social media sites. If you have questions or concerns about social media, please contact us. We look forward to partnering with you as we grow all our students to be better citizens for our greater community.

I am looking forward to the great things we will accomplish together this year!

Go Huskies!

The Northwestern Wayne FFA chapter traveled to Miami Trace for a Career Development Event on March 9th. Members of the chapter participated in Dairy Cattle Judging and General Livestock Judging. The Dairy Cattle CDE helps students develop skills in dairy cattle selection and herd management. Participants evaluate the cattle's physical characteristics, explain their various classes and analyze a herd record. The members that participated in the Dairy Cattle Judging CDE were Jacoby Gilbert and Madison Miller. In the General Livestock Judging CDE members work individually to rank breeding and market classes of beef, sheep and swine. Students participating in this CDE make accurate and logical observations of livestock, decide on the desirable traits in marketing and breeding livestock, and select and market livestock that will satisfy consumer demands and provide increased economic returns to producers. The General Livestock team consisted of Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Makenna Connelly, and Kade Tegtmeier. Triston Flinn also participated as a middle school member.



Members of the Northwestern FFA chapter traveled to the Ohio State ATI on February 24th for the Dairy Cattle Career Development Event. This CDE helps students develop skills in dairy cattle selection and herd management. Participants evaluate the cattle's physical characteristics, explain their various classes and analyze a herd record. Each participant contributes to the team's total score through individual activities. As individuals, team members complete a general knowledge exam, evaluate and select six dairy animal classes. Students in this event gain a greater understanding of dairy cattle management and become knowledgeable in areas that include animal welfare, biosecurity, business management, current issues, environmental management and safety practices. Those who participated in this CDE were Jacoby Gilbert, Chet McNeil, and Madison Miller.



Members of the Northwestern Wayne FFA chapter participated in the Floriculture Career Development Event hosted at Sandy Valley High School on March 6th. The District Floriculture CDE requires students to identify plants, judge flower arrangements and solve problems. Participants also demonstrate skills in flower arranging, propagation and the preparation of floral and foliage products for sale. This event is designed to create an interest in career preparation for all current and future aspects of the floriculture industry through leadership development and hands-on technical skill development. Teams are judged on their ability to perform an assignment similar to one routinely performed in the floriculture industry. The members that participated in this CDE were Mallory Gilbert, Emma Connelly, Addy Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Brooke Hershey, Gabi Riedel, and Kate Johnson. Congratulations to Makenna Connelly for placing 10th individually.



NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 1st Quarter **NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 3rd Quarter**

1ST HONORS (4.010-OVER)

Seniors: Jacob Farner, Quinn Fast, Alyssa Fisher, Josiah Gilman, Virginia Hamers, Ellie Hanshaw, Gavin Hines, Madalyne Hunt, Sophia Linder, Tristan Miller, Zoey Oldaker, Ella Saal, Hunter Sciortino, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton, Jonathon Widdows

Juniors: Harmony Blake, Gabriela Cubur, Kayla Cutter, Mallory Gilbert, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Ayden Hendricks, Danyel Hyatt, Kelli Kearney, Noah Lee, Sydney McConahay, McKensie McCoy, Morgan Murphy, Tyler Perry, Logan Shriver, Jule Stoller, Alexandra Stoltz, Alysya Troyan, Joshua Weibel, Jailynn Woodruff

Sophomores: Sophia Ahrendt, Corbin Chanay, Kaylee Cherry, Addyson Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Jacob Ebert, Jackson Evans, Lorelai Garman, Mason Gray, Savannah McConahay, Evan McKay, Mason Rogers, Olivia Scarbrough, Hayden Sigler, Deborah Sponseller, Ravenna Stiegelmeier, Wesley Stoltz, Josey Thomas, Holly Widdows, Audriana Yeagley

Freshmen: Victoria Aicone, Emma Altman, Emma Fricke, Reed Hamey, Olivia Humphrey, Aiden Mausolf, Cara McKay, Sophia Morris, Owen Murphy, Brookelyn Nolletti, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Clara Saal, Taryn Stoller, Nichole Troyan, Kezia Weaver, Abigail Weibel, Alivia Welch, Grace Wilson

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Kirsten Boreman, Drake Crumley, Owen Ferriman, Logan Garman, Jacob Huebner, Ethan Mausolf, Olivia Richardson, Kade Tegtmeier

Juniors: Taya Becerra, Kristanna Bradford, Morgan Ervin, Will Hamey, Ella Hartsel, Colton Mark, Mason Meininger, Avery Mullet, Gabriel Nicholson, Katherine Orosz, Emilie Ott, Braydan Springer, Taylor Wurst

Sophomores: Claire Buchholz, James Cassady, Cheyenne Friend, Coralyn Hall, Timothy Hatfield, Samantha Herman, Nevaeh Kirk, Payton White

Freshmen: Garrett Diehl, Ryleigh Farner, Aubrey Peeples, Jace Rickard

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: Nihad Al-Jamal, Olivia Amstutz, Kaleb Badger, Brandon Barnette, Grant Bond, Haley Caldwell, Cayden Fiala, Aron Fry, Jacoby Gilbert, Mikalah Jones, Brianna Lance, Caleb Mackey, Faith Maiher, Kevin Mosher, Caydence Scale, Alexis Shepler, Easton Thomas, Jacob Ward, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman, Preston Wilcox

Juniors: Savannah Blount, Kyleighana Collins, Sara Corn, Mateo Dague, Kowen Donahue, Jamison Gilbert, Kaylie Gregory, Donna Kurpik, Taelyn Lambert, Danina McClure, Josiah Moats, Antonio Perez, Benjamin Spencer, Heidi Topp

Sophomores: Alivia Aicone, Kierah Bailey, Camryn Boak, Alexander Boehm, Nicholas Coots, Jason Diehl, Asher Erf, Hannah Frontz, Carsyn Frybarger, Wyatt Goon, Morgan Holley-Fry, Kate Johnson, Taylor Leidigh, William Marshall, Jacoby Matacale, Eva Patterson, Keiley Reynolds, Gabriella Riedel, Phoebe Riley, Audrina Smith, Kelsee Smith, Kiera Whisman

Freshmen: Jace Baker, Lily Beard, Laci Butler, Riley Damon, Elaina Donnelly, Franklin Donnelly, Madison Frazier, Riley Grier, Haley Harper, Brooke Hershey, Sierrah Knight, Daniel Lee, Zareyah Martin, Luann Mosher, Bryce Nussbaum, Joy Phillips, McKenna Ramsier, Mason Salem, Allison Wellert, Audrey Wilcox, Carter Wulff, Alexandra Yoder

1ST HONORS (4.010-OVER)

Seniors: Drake Crumley, Jacob Farner, Quinn Fast, Alyssa Fisher, Josiah Gilman, Virginia Hamers, Ellie Hanshaw, Gavin Hines, Madalyne Hunt, Sophia Linder, Tristan Miller, Ella Saal, Hunter Sciortino, Luke Walton

Juniors: Taya Becerra, Sara Corn, Kayla Cutter, Mallory Gilbert, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Ayden Hendricks, Danyel Hyatt, Kelli Kearney, Sydney McConahay, McKensie McCoy, Mason Meininger, Morgan Murphy, Tyler Perry, Logan Shriver, Braydan Springer, Jule Stoller, Alexandra Stoltz, Alysya Troyan, Joshua Weibel

Sophomores: James Cassady, Kaylee Cherry, Addyson Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Jacob Ebert, Jackson Evans, Lorelai Garman, Mason Gray, William Marshall, Savannah McConahay, Evan McKay, Hayden Sigler, Deborah Sponseller, Ravenna Stiegelmeier, Wesley Stoltz, Josey Thomas, Payton White, Holly Widdows, Audriana Yeagley

Freshmen: Victoria Aicone, Emma Altman, Emma Fricke, Reed Hamey, Aiden Mausolf, Sophia Morris, Owen Murphy, Brookelyn Nolletti, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Clara Saal, Taryn Stoller, Kezia Weaver, Abigail Weibel, Alivia Welch

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Kirsten Boreman, Logan Garman, Jacob Huebner, Mikalah Jones, Olivia Richardson, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Jonathon Widdows

Juniors: Phillip Boehm, Kristanna Bradford, Gabriela Cubur, Mateo Dague, Morgan Ervin, Kaylie Gregory, Ella Hartsel, Noah Lee, Colton Mark, Danina McClure, Josiah Moats, Avery Mullet, Gabriel Nicholson, Emilie Ott, Jailynn Woodruff

Sophomores: Jason Diehl, Cheyenne Friend, Coralyn Hall, Samantha Herman, Nevaeh Kirk, Mason Rogers, Olivia Scarbrough, Audrina Smith

Freshmen: Lily Beard, Ryleigh Farner, Olivia Humphrey, Cara McKay, Luann Mosher, Jace Rickard, Nichole Troyan

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: Nihad Al-Jamal, Kaleb Badger, Brandon Barnette, Grant Bond, Haley Caldwell, Aron Fry, Jacoby Gilbert, Brianna Lance, Caleb Mackey, Ethan Mausolf, Kevin Mosher, Caydence Scale, Alexis Shepler, Jacob Ward, Anthony Welch

Juniors: Harmony Blake, Kyleighana Collins, Jamison Gilbert, Will Hamey, Donna Kurpik, Taelyn Lambert, Katherine Orosz, Heidi Topp, Taylor Wurst

Sophomores: Sophia Ahrendt, Alivia Aicone, Kierah Bailey, Mallory Bloom, Claire Buchholz, Adelyne Cassidy, Corbin Chanay, Asher Erf, Wahied Fasihi, Hannah Frontz, Carsyn Frybarger, Wyatt Goon, Caden Grier, Nancy Harowski, Timothy Hatfield, Morgan Holley-Fry, Braden Hollingsworth, Kate Johnson, Taylor Leidigh, Jacoby Matacale, Ashton Moser, Eva Patterson, Peyton Pitts, Gabriella Riedel, Phoebe Riley, Kelsee Smith, Daniel Sponseller, Kiera Whisman

Freshmen: Jace Baker, Laci Butler, Riley Damon, Garrett Diehl, Franklin Donnelly, Shayla Dudte, Madison Frazier, Riley Grier, Brooke Hershey, Jacob Howman, Sierrah Knight, Benjamin Landis, Daniel Lee, Mallory Novak, Bryce Nussbaum, Aubrey Peeples, Mason Salem, Allison Wellert, Michael Weygandt, Audrey Wilcox, Grace Wilson, Alexandra Yoder



Mrs. Rachel Beun
Northwestern Middle
School Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pins. Forceps. Scalpels. Eighth grade students interested in medical or animal sciences may elect to take a Medical Detectives or Zoology course. As part of the curricula, these students are entrusted with the tools and responsibilities similar to experts in those fields; they dissect. In Medical Detectives, students slice into a sheep brain and learn the basics of its anatomy and physiology. These students then connect their knowledge to fictitious patient diseases. In Zoology, students compare the anatomy of the earthworm, grasshopper, sea star and frog to learn the basics of how different animal life addresses needs related to nutrition, respiration, reproduction, and more. Both courses integrate scientific and technical vocabulary throughout the dissection experiences and foster interest in areas that have additional opportunities for exploration at the high school level.

As we move towards spring, we become reflective of how wonderful our school-year has been! Our students and staff have embraced our House system and the friendly competition of following our high expectations. We have used this system to honor and reward students, proudly displaying their accomplishments around the school in the cafeteria and in the hallways.

In saying this, we still have just over a quarter of the school year left with lots of additional upcoming excitement. I have outlined some important information below, with hopes that it will help the duration of the school year continue to run smoothly.

JOB SHADOW- Our 8th grade students visited several sites on Thursday, February 15 for their annual job shadow day. We also had two groups of students attend field trips at both Schaeffler-Luk and Cleveland Clinic Medina. All of these experiences are wonderful opportunities for our eighth grade students to get a glimpse at the work field and careers currently available. We thank our parents who help to make this experience special for our students, as well as, our community partners and businesses who invite our amazing students into their workplace.

SCHEDULING- Our students will begin scheduling soon for their classes for the 24-25 school-year. Eighth grade students will begin scheduling during the week of February 26, followed by our sixth and seventh graders in March. We will complete scheduling talks with our fifth grade in May. Parents are encouraged to contact our office with any questions. This is always an exciting time for students as they choose new classes for the next year.

ECLIPSE- Remember, the eclipse day is April 8. We encourage students and families to enjoy this moment together, as this is a once-in-a-lifetime event for so many. Students will engage in some activities in their classes to highlight this event prior to spring break. Glasses will also be provided so students can safely watch the eclipse.

TESTING- As always, state testing will be in the spring. We want our students to do their very best on these tests to reflect all that they have learned over the year.

ELA TESTING- April 16 and April 17

SCIENCE TESTING (Gr 8 only)- April 23 and April 24

MATH TESTING- April 30 and May 1

WASHINGTON D.C.- Our 8th grade students will be headed to Washington D.C. on May 14 through May 17. This is always such a wonderful trip for our students where they explore our nation's capital.

PROMOTION- On the last day of school (May 30), we will have a promotion ceremony for our 8th grade students, starting at 8:00am. Please mark your calendars. This will take place in our gym. This is a wonderful time to celebrate their class and their accomplishments while at the Middle School.

Thank you to our students and staff for an amazing year, filled with much success and many accomplishments. Thank you to our community and families for your continued support in all that we do at the school. Continue to show your Husky PRIDE in all you do! Go Huskies!



Pictured below are students Courtney Cline and Kenzie Cutter (left) and Taryn Hall-Cravens and Haley McLaughlin (right) fine-tuning their dissection skills on a banana during the first zoology dissection of the quarter. Also pictured is a banana decorated with human physical features and used to practice anatomical terms of position.

Rowen Cottrell participated in the 2024 Wayne County Spelling Bee on January 24th at Orrville HS. She came in 8th and will be participating in the regional Scripps spelling bee on March 17th, in Akron.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

January

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The winners of the 2023 Turkey Race. Mr. Kline (2nd grade). Mrs. Besancon (5th grade)



December



STEM Preschool PM class learned about the engineering process. The students acquired knowledge that engineers are problem solvers. We read the story 10 in a bed, and the students had determine the problem & solve it by making a bigger bed that could support all 10 bears. They worked with partners & used the steps in the engineering process to plan, design, & improve their creations.



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Staff Super Star



Mr. Douglas Hopkins
Northwestern
Elementary Principal



Mr. Steven Rowe
Northwestern
Elementary Vice
Principal

Dear Northwestern Families,

As we step into the third and final trimester of the 2023-2024 school year, Mr. Rowe and myself want to extend our heartfelt excitement and gratitude. It's been a journey filled with immense joy and hard work, and we're thrilled to be concluding the year on a strong note.

Our school has been buzzing with activity, thanks to the dedication and efforts of both our students and staff. The commitment of our staff to foster a thriving community within our halls is palpable, and we're immensely proud of the cohesion and spirit that permeates our environment.

Reflecting on the past few months, we've had some memorable events that truly exemplify the spirit of our school community. The turkey race, for instance, was a resounding success, bringing together students and staff in a fun and competitive spirit. We extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to its success and eagerly anticipate the possibility of bringing it back year after year. Additionally, the patriotic fervor displayed by our 4th-grade students during their concert was truly heartwarming for their Veteran's day assembly.

December was no less eventful with our Kindergarten Christmas concert charming both parents and caregivers alike. The festive spirit continued with our Santa Shop, made possible by the incredible support of our PTO. If you're interested in lending a helping hand, please consider joining our monthly meetings or reaching out for more information.

Our Grandparent Days have been a highlight, fostering beautiful connections between generations. With two more sessions planned, we look forward to more fun moments ahead.

Here are some important dates to mark on your calendars for March and April:

Thursday, March 14: Music Concert - 2nd grade
Friday, March 15: St. Patrick's Day (Green Day)
Thursday, March 21: Music Concert - 1st grade
April 1 – 5, 2024: Spring Break (No School)
April 8, 2024: Eclipse Day (No School)
April 11 – 12, 2024: Kindergarten Screening
April 16 – 17, 2024: ELA OST Testing
Tuesday, April 23: Music Concert - 3rd Grade
April 23 – 24, 2024: Science OST Testing
April 30 & May 1, 2024: Math OST Testing

As we move ahead, our students and staff remain committed to academic and social growth. With each passing day, we witness remarkable progress, and we're excited to see our students flourish as we approach the year's end. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff and supportive parents/caregivers for their unwavering dedication. Go Huskies!

Warm regards,

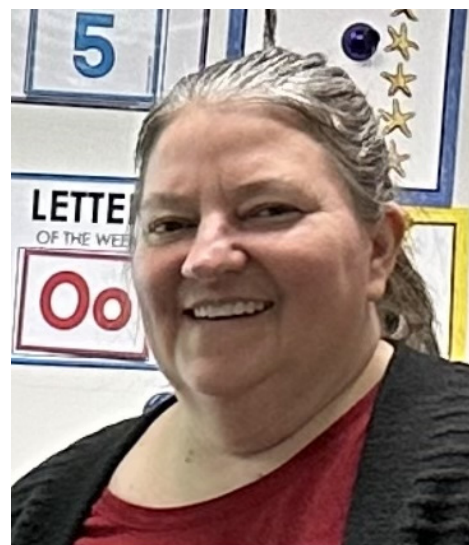
Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Rowe

March

In this edition, we're thrilled to shine the spotlight on one of our invaluable staff members, Joelyn Allshouse. Serving as our paraprofessional in the STEM preschool, Joelyn brings an unparalleled level of dedication and care to our students. Her hard work and vibrant personality infuse joy into the learning environment, enriching the experiences of our young preschoolers.

Joelyn has been an integral part of our preschool since its inception. Alongside Mrs. Harbaugh, she forms a dynamic duo that epitomizes excellence in early childhood education. Joelyn's unwavering commitment and genuine passion for nurturing young minds make her an indispensable asset to our school community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Allshouse for her tireless efforts and unwavering dedication to our school's mission. Her contributions have undoubtedly left a mark on the lives of our students, and we are immensely grateful for her presence in our STEM preschool. Thank you, Mrs. Allshouse, for embodying the spirit of excellence and care in everything you do.



Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-25 school year kindergarten class will be held April 11th & April 12th at Northwestern Elementary School, 7334 N. Elyria Rd, West Salem. If you have a child who will be five years old on or before August 1st, 2024, please call the school to schedule an appointment for the screening on or after Feb. 27th.

Please call 419-846-3519, ext. 3101 to schedule your child's screening time starting Feb. 27th. Appointment times: 9:15 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M.

Appointment time slots will be first come, first serve. Please call Feb. 27th if needing a specific time.

Registration Day

Please bring your child, birth certificate, immunization records, social security card, any custody papers that may apply, driver's license (w current address), and another form of proof of residency (it can be a utility bill or phone bill, with your name and address on it).



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Gold Rated Officer Books

This year all of our Northwestern Wayne FFA Officers received gold ratings on their officer books. Addy Connelly received a gold rating on the Treasurer's book. The Treasurer's book consists of all of the chapter's finances, beginning balance, receipts, and disbursements. Makenna Connelly received a gold rating on the Secretary's book. The Secretary's book consists of records of minutes of all correspondence of each meeting, along with the event that took place during the meeting. It also contains all incoming and outgoing correspondence for the year. Taylor Wurst received a gold rating on the scrapbook. The Reporter's book consists of chapter wide events in a scrapbook along with published articles about the updated events. Emma Connelly also assisted in creating a social media scrapbook that consisted of the chapter website, social media posts, and digital articles. The high standards of excellence were obtained by our hard working officers. Northwestern Wayne FFA is very proud of the time and effort that has been put into the officer's required books, and will be recognized at the Ohio FFA State Convention in May for their hard work and great accomplishments



Northwestern Wayne FFA Participates in State Food Science CDE

On January 13th members of the Northwestern Wayne FFA chapter competed at the Ohio State University in the State Food Science CDE. The food science CDE requires students to have an in-depth understanding of food product development, food presentation and food safety issues. Participants also use their sensory skills to solve problems and make sound decisions. Students in this event participate in both team and individual activities. As a team, students respond to a product development scenario describing the need for a new or redesigned product that appeals to a potential market segment. The team's task is to design a new food product or reformulate an existing product based on information contained within the product development scenario. The team also completed a food safety and sanitation activity. As individuals, an objective test, a problem solving practicum and a food safety practicum are completed to count towards the team score. Members of the team consisted of Ella Saal, Preston Wilcox, Emma Connelly, and Makenna Connelly. Congratulations to these participants for representing the chapter and placing 10th in the state!



FFA Speaks on a Podcast

This year the Northwestern Wayne FFA chapter was invited to speak on a podcast about Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is an organization that has involved the community in the preparing and packaging of shoe boxes. Inside these shoe boxes are items such as personal care items, toys, school supplies, and clothing. The boxes are prepared in age groups for boys and girls. Around the world there are families and children that are less fortunate and cannot celebrate Christmas by receiving and giving gifts. These boxes are not only packed with items, but love and joy for those in need in hopes to put a smile on their face for the giving season. Kade Tegtmeier and Kate Johnson were both invited to speak on the "Off Farm Income" podcast about the organization. Matt Brechwald interviewed the two students, and allowed for Kade and Kate to express the passion that goes into these boxes as well as to introduce themselves and their passions. They also mentioned their involvement in FFA and how helping the community and those in need plays an exponential role in the FFA. Give the podcast a listen!



FFA

Salvation Army

On December 21st members of the Northwestern FFA chapter rang bells for the Salvation Army from 9am-9pm. Each year the Salvation Army takes volunteers to ring bells to collect generous donations around the holiday season. These donations go to those in need around the community and world. Members signed up for a time slot of two hours at the Wooster Walmart on the grocery side and retail side. Thank you to these members who rang bells, Bricen Snow, Luke Jenkins, Syrus Nyomo, Clara Saal, Taryn Stoller, Audrey Wilcox, Kirsten Boreman, Easton Thomas, Olivia Scarbrough, Taylor Wurst, Emma Connelly, Kade Tegtmeier, Kaleb Badger, Jacoby Gilbert, Haley Caldwell, Mallory Gilbert, Kate Johnson, Bri Lance, Addy Connelly, Jamison Gilbert, Alivia Welch, Madi Frazier, Chet McNeil, Colton Mark, Kace Hixson, and Collin Rouse.



Winter Christmas Meeting

To celebrate the Christmas season, the Northwestern-Wayne FFA chapter hosted its annual Winter meeting. During the meeting members read the Secretary's minutes, Reporter's and Treasurer's reports. Next the members were informed on the Committee Reports which were Earnings and Savings, Community Service, Public Relations, Skills and CDEs, Recreation, Middle School Engagement, High School Engagement, and Ag in the Classroom. Other reports were t-shirt orders, paying the chapter dues, AET and Degrees, Christmas on the Equator, Advanced and Novice Parliamentary Procedure, Food Science CDE, Job Interview CDE, FFA Jacket Scholarship, Bell Ringing, and National Convention. The meeting then continued to new business. The chapter voted and passed the following motions: Sausage sales, ag sales CDE, Spring CDEs, strawberry sales, chapter bowling, Public Speaking CDE, and chapter snow tubing. The meeting was adjourned and was followed by the recreation activity.

The chapter provided dinner consisting of chicken and jojos. Members of the chapter were able to participate in a fun gingerbread house/creation contest. Members were encouraged to divide into groups of two to three students per group to make their gingerbread creations. The members had 20 minutes to complete their creations. Our guest judges then determined the winners for the most creative, most festive, and best overall. The winner for the most creative gingerbread creation was Taryn Stoller and Audrey Wilcox. The most festive was won by Ellie Hanshaw, Karissa Whisman, and Kiera Whisman. The best overall was Kate Johnson, Allie Wellert, and Brooke Nolletti. The chapter would like to thank Craig Wiley, Alyssa Keifer, and John Sims for helping judge the gingerbread creations.

Christmas on The Equator

The Northwestern FFA hosted Christmas on the Equator on December 19th from 6-8pm. This event was hosted at the Wayne County Event Center. The night was filled with games such as corn hole, nine square, card games, and line dancing. The chapter also supplied dinner for all the members that attended. The following FFA chapter members were present: Hillsdale, Smithville, West Holmes, Triway, and Norwayne. The members who attended from the Northwestern FFA chapter were Melina Conaway, Torrie Wurst, Victoria Aicone, Robby Hunt, Brooke Hershey, Makenna Connelly, Luke Wilkinson, Kace Hixson, Madison Miller, Noah Kolp, Bricen Snow, Nevaeh Kirk, Addy Connelly, Jamison Gilbert, Colton Mark, Kade Tegtmeier, Jack Morris, Keaton Harris, Kenzie Cutter, Madilyn Smith, Savannah Blount, Jonathan Burgess, Haley McLaughlin, Lilly Boreman, Alivia Welch, Madison Frazier, Triston Flinn, Taryn Stoller, Kaylee Cherry, Arianna Oring, Olivia Scarbrough Arian Means, Arianna Pettry, Nate Fulton, Jacoby Gilbert, Owen Ferriman, Carter Gasser, Aden Laney, Keith Pierson, Mallory Bloom, and Kayla Cutter.



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Blue Jacket Program

Each year the Ohio FFA Foundation presents an opportunity for first year members called the Blue Jacket Program. Members can submit an application prior to the selection of who receives the blue corduroy FFA Jacket. The applications can be reviewed and considered to receive the blue corduroy jacket. This year the scholarships for the jackets are donated by Farm Credit Mid-America of Wooster. Earning this blue corduroy jacket instills members with American tradition and pride. One hundred FFA Jackets are provided to students across Ohio. The members of the Northwestern Wayne FFA chapter who received a free FFA Jacket from the Blue Jackets Program are: Brooke Nolletti, daughter of Candis and Jared Nolletti, Sophia Morris daughter of Laura and Kyle Morris, Clara Saal daughter of Carolyn and Mark Saal, Lilly Boreman daughter of Mike and Terri Boreman, Haley McLaughlin daughter of Darby and Sarah McLaughlin, and McCollough Porter son of Misty and Jeff Swegle. Congratulations and we hope you wear the jacket proudly

State Leadership Night

On November 13th, the Northwestern FFA chapter attended a State Leadership Night hosted by Black River FFA. The theme for the night was "On the Road to Leadership!" where members attending learned about teamwork and successful decision-making skills. Members started the night off with fun by doing line dancing with the other chapters while awaiting the start of the night. Three of the Ohio FFA state officers facilitated the group during the leadership session. Members mingled with others to complete a FFA related get to know you bingo game and a perfect road trip plan. They had multiple games related to the theme for members to participate. The shoe collecting game was where teams were formed, and one person had to retrieve all of their group members' shoes. There was a ring game, where everyone in the group had to have one hand on the metal ring and the team had to travel across the gym to touch each wall in the gym. These games helped the attendees realize that they would have to overcome hardships, work as a team, and complete their individual task to benefit their team to become successful in their future. After the leadership session was complete there was a raffle of FFA prizes and then the Black River FFA provided a meal. The members who attended were, Mason Salem, Grady Ellerbrock, Grace Wilson, Mallory Gilbert, Nevaeh Kirk, Kenzie Cutter, Gabriella Riedel, Haley McLaughlin, Madi Smith, Jenna Hjerpe, Jaycee Reed, Melina Conaway, Triston Flinn, Ella Saal, Arianna Oring, and Mallory Bloom. The members who attended made new friendships with Ohio FFA officers and members from various chapters!



District Level Parliamentary Procedure

On November 14th members of the Northwestern FFA participated at the District level Parliamentary Procedure CDE. Northwestern was able to have an Advanced team and a Novice team qualify. The students had to conduct a meeting with the following requirements: it must include all of the discussion items on the card for the meeting within 12 minutes. The meeting is scored on the abilities that are accomplished, the debates, along with receiving points for the finished motions. During the meeting, the students have to display a knowledge of Parliamentary Law as well as their ability to present logical, realistic, and convincing debates. The Advanced team consisted of Kade Tegtmeier (President), Mallory Gilbert (Secretary), Kayla Cutter, Emma Connelly, Kirsten Boreman, and Preston Wilcox (members). The Novice team consisted of Alivia Welch (President), Lilly Boreman (Vice President), Haley McLaughlin (Reporter), Sophia Morris (Secretary), Madi Fraizer (Treasurer), Olivia Madden (Advisor), Brooke Hershey (Sentinel), and Mckenzie Cutter (Member). The Novice team placed second in their room, and the Advanced team placed first. The Novice team competed at state at Delaware Area Career Center, on December 2nd and placed fourth in their room. The Advanced team also competed at state on December 9th and placed 3rd in their room. Congratulations to both teams for competing and representing the chapter at the state level.





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Community Pantry Box

Northwestern Local Schools, Wooster Community kitchen, and the Wooster Hope center are proud to offer items to anyone in our community who needs them. No forms, No questions, Take what you need! Located at the south side of Northwestern Elementary in the drive that goes to the ball fields. Items restocked by the NHS national honors society every Monday and Friday (or as needed-including holiday breaks)

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Northwestern FFA had the opportunity to participate in a day filled with activities with Ohio FFA State Officers Luke Jennings (President) and Emma Wells (Treasurer). Students were able to participate in communication and leadership activities that involved different skills. Teamwork, leadership, and communication skills were all used to help complete the activities. An activity that the students had to do was draw a picture on a piece of paper and then crumble it up and throw it to someone else. Once someone got paper they then would add color and crumble the paper. The lesson was that everyone goes through different events in life that can "crumble" us and everyone's outcome looks different. The officer team class period had to keep their own balloon from hitting the floor while one person from the group explained their dream vacation. This was difficult because as the officers were all focusing on their individual tasks, they might not have fully been paying attention to the person talking. This shows the officers the importance of listening to one another's ideas even while each individual has their own responsibilities. Based on the examples the Northwestern FFA Officers were able to learn how they as officers can become better leaders for our chapter. The state officers were able to bond with our Northwestern students and teach valuable life lessons!

DON'T MISS OUT !!

Board of Education Meeting
Board President John Smith
3rd Monday each month 6:30 p.m.
HS Library

All Sports Association President Bill Arthur
1st Monday each month 7:30 p.m.
HS Commons

Music Boosters President Audrey Pollizi
3rd Tuesday each month 7:00 p.m.
(Do not meet June, July, December)
HS Band room

Ruritans President Kim Wellert
2nd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Commons

Football Club President Tommy Guidetti
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Commons

Soccer Club President Steve Wellert
1st Tuesday each month 6:00 p.m.
Elementary Cafeteria

Elementary PTO President Alison Fiala
Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA