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August 2023



GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

103 Graduates
Salutatorian: Brailee Beun



Northwestern Local Schools Incorporates Brolly
By C. Sykes

Northwestern is excited to introduce Brolly. Brolly was obtained through a Career Transition Grant and will be incorporated district wide within the special education department. Intervention Specialist and Therapists can enter data from laptops, tablets or mobile phones. Data regarding services, setting and notes can be logged to monitor goals and progress monitoring for real time data. This will allow our district to continue to stay in compliance with the Office of Exceptional Children and benefit teams when reviewing student data and decision making. Staff will attend the training on August 18th, prior to school starting so that implementation of Brolly can start from the very beginning of the school year.



Valedictorian: Paige Walter

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

During the 2023-2024 school year, Northwestern Local Schools will be focusing on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is an evidence based three-tiered framework to improve systems and practices to create a school where all students succeed. Tier 1 is the foundation of proactive support while preventing unwanted behaviors for all students. Tier 2 is designed for students who need additional supports in establishing the skills they need to benefit from the core curriculum in school. Tier 3 is more of an individualized and intensive support to improve behavioral and academic outcomes. Each building



has their own PBIS team which includes Principals, School Counselors, School Psychologist, General Education Teachers and/or Intervention Specialists. Northwestern also has a district team which includes Administration, School Counselors, School Psychologist, General Education Teachers, and/or Intervention Specialists. It is our goal to not only support our students, but support our community as well in implementing PBIS whether that be at home, in the community, or at school. We will be providing parents with strategies we are using within the school and additional resources to further explore. In addition, we have added a PBIS website that can be located on the District's website where all of the resources and materials can be found. The PBIS teams will continue to update the website as the year progresses. We are excited about this initiative and look forward to seeing our student's progress!

Northwestern All Sports continues to support our student athletes. We have awarded over \$7000 in scholarships to the class of 2023. This year we have also purchased a new HUDL system for recording games. This system is used by almost all the teams. We have also helped several teams with uniform purchases and new equipment. This year we also elect our new president Sarah Howman White and our new secretary Andrea Ellerbrock. We thank Bill Arthur and Kim St. Clair for their past dedication to All Sports!

One of our biggest fun raisers is the Wayne County Fair Coke booths. Please consider volunteering in one of our coke booths during the fair week, September 9 - 14. Please contact any member of All Sports to sign up.

Our meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7:30 in the High School library! Thanks for your support!



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

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We anticipate submission deadlines occurring at the following dates:
Sept. 30
January 12, 2024
March 1, 2024
July 26, 2024



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A note from our superintendent...

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.

I am beginning my 19th year at the helm of Northwestern. I am very proud of our accomplishments and the opportunities we provide for our students. With the Coronavirus changing the very way we live and the many state, federal mandates, as well as differing perspectives and related challenges there are many uncertainties as well as monumental stressors on us all. However, through the strength of families and support of our community we will move forward collectively to keep our good thing going! We continue working to control our district funding. With our primary focus on our students, the reliability of district finances is also paramount as we move forward. It is always a

struggle to balance quality education with fiscal efficiency – especially when state funding that we inadequate previously is so unpredictable and comes with strings attached. The good news: we have built a significant and healthy carry-over balance in our general fund! Numerous factors have positively impacted our finances – the changes in employee health insurance a few years ago, staff reductions, successfully seeking and increasing grant funds (we were awarded @ \$1,000,000 in grant funds this past school year!), some additional school funding from the state, continuing to do much of our work in-house, federal grant, even more shared services agreements with other schools and agencies to share costs, COVID funds, etc. These have all contributed to improving our financial stability. I shared a few years ago that the funding deficits we encountered were no surprise and that we had taken action, but that it takes years to get us back on firm footing. Well, we are again on very firm footing! Our tireless efforts to increase revenue while at the same time reduce expenditures have stabilized our budget I am so very proud of our community, of our faculty, staff, administration, and

outstanding Board of Education! I am proud of the academic and social success of our students. I am proud of the innovative and progressive, project-based and research-based programs & instruction we have here. I am proud of the fantastic school culture and climate we have throughout each of our buildings. A huge “Thank you” to our parents and community who support the development of our children; to our faculty, staff, student leaders, and administration for our ongoing collective efforts each day, and to our 5 Board of Education Members for your leadership and direction. Together we can continue to achieve so very much! We are all about excellence and increasing expectations at Northwestern. All of this while maintaining practical limitations. Within our Northwestern family we will continue to adapt to legislation and 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. Here is for Northwestern Huskies continuing to “lead the pack!” Let’s head full steam into the 2023-2024 school year!

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOLS PI (PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT) LEVY INFORMATION



Northwestern School District is asking voters to consider the renewal of our 4 mil PI (Permanent Improvement Levy) this November, 2023.

FACTS:

- This PI renewal is for the same 4 mils and is NOT an increase.
- The district took action in July, 2023 to end collection of our existing .5 mil Maintenance Levy this Dec., 2023. This will result in lowering school tax millage for our Taxpayers overall.
- It has been decided to Renew the existing PI Levy as a Continuing Levy so the district does not incur the cost and time invested in renewing this levy every 5 years (it is currently a 5-year Levy). The district is currently required to pay the Board of Elections every 5 years to place this renewal on the ballot. This continuing Levy would eliminate this cost.
- Our current PI Levy was last passed in 2019.
- Our current PI Levy expires in Dec., 2024.
- Age of Our Buildings: HS 28 years old with 20 year-old addition (built in 1995) MS 66 years old with 20 year-old addition (built in 1957) ES 20 years old (built in 2003)
- Our Northwestern Local School District has ongoing maintenance and repair needs for our buildings.

These PI funds are utilized to maintain our buildings, including our HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing Systems, Asphalt Repair and Sealcoating, Maintaining School Grounds, Purchasing

School Buses, and Purchasing Curriculum as it becomes outdated, among other long-term needs.

PI (Permanent Improvement) Funds can ONLY be used for tangible items with a life expectancy of 5+ years. History of our Permanent Improvement Levy

- 1974 initial 2.0 mil PI levy

- 1989 PI Levy increased to 2.8 mils

(increased after 15 years of initial levy amount)

- 2019 PI Levy increased to 4.0 mils

(increased after 30 years of 1989 amount)

Tax Impact Information:

Taxpayers can access the levy impact by accessing the Wayne County Auditor’s Website. Go to “tax” tab, then “levy” tab. Information on your current cost for all levies.

- Most prices have more than quadrupled over the past 50 years.

- Permanent Improvement costs and needs do not decrease over time.

- Northwestern is asking Voters to consider renewing only the current 4 mils.

“We prepare our students today for tomorrow’s opportunities!”





Jerry Buccilla
Treasurer / Chief
Financial Officer

It is hard for me to believe that my first year as Treasurer at Northwestern Local Schools is coming to a close in just two short weeks. It seems like it was just yesterday when I officially began as the Treasurer on August 1, 2022. They say time does fly when you're having fun, and I can certainly attest to that. These past eleven months as Treasurer has really been enjoyable mainly because of all the great employees and community members that I have been fortunate enough to build relationships with during this

time. Great people make doing the busy, demanding work well worth the effort! As we finish the financial work to close up the Fiscal Year 2023 books and prepare to open the Fiscal Year 2024 books I wanted to share with the community the May 30, 2023 Board approved Financial Forecast. The State requires a 5-year Forecast be submitted twice a year. The forecast is a financial overview of the General and Emergency Funds ONLY. Below is the financial forecast highlighting Fiscal Years 2022 through 2027. The Financial Forecast will be reviewed again this fall and be Board approved in November of 2023 as required.

Northwestern Diploma for veterans & workers having served our nation during Conflicts & Wars (incl. World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War, and others)

We are proud to notify our community of a unique Ohio law that authorizes Local Boards of Education to grant diplomas to the men and women who - due to their service in a time of war - were unable to secure a high school diploma. The law applies to military veterans as well as women who joined the workforce to support their families and/or the war effort.

Under R.C. 3313.616 (Ohio Veterans' Diploma Program), boards of education may issue a high school diploma to veterans and women who served during the Second World War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War - and who left school before graduating to serve in the armed forces or, in the case of women, who joined the workforce to support their family or the war effort.

The law permits those who are deceased to earn a diploma posthumously, with the diploma being presented to a living relative. This allows boards of education to honor those who never returned home and those veterans who have passed. Furthermore, the law does not contain residency restrictions. Any board of education may issue a diploma to a covered veteran or woman; school districts are not limited to their former students.

In addition to our veterans, the law recognizes the efforts of female war workers as well. The law permits women to earn a diploma if they left school "to join the workforce to support their family or the war effort." It also allows women to earn a diploma if they left school "due to family circumstances" and then joined the workforce to support their family or the war effort.

The procedures for applying and verifying eligibility are established in O.A.C. 5902-3-01 (for veterans) and O.A.C. 5902-3-02 (for women). Applications are available through



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Curriculum Corner News

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. Spring was a remarkably busy and productive time for our teachers with training that took place with the new reading and math curriculums to start this school year. What is truly the definition of Curriculum? What is taught in each course or subject Curriculum refers to an interactive system of instruction and learning with specific goals, content and strategies, measurement, and resources. When Northwestern starts the process to adopt a new curriculum in any content area, we work with different companies that will send us sample curriculums. Teachers have an opportunity to pilot a lesson or unit within their classrooms. There are meetings with the Director of Curriculum, the building principal, and a team of staff members that will look through each curriculum. The team will work together to communicate strengths and weaknesses that they have encountered and their findings from a curriculum rubric they work through for each curriculum sample that was sent to us.

Northwestern Middle School English Language Arts Department will be working with the curriculum called AMPLIFY ELA. Amplify ELA is a blended English language arts curriculum designed specifically to support students in grades 6-8 and prepare them for high school and beyond. Our high school students in grades 9-10 will be working in "Intro to Literature". Both programs are highly rated and support the science of reading. Our teachers and students will be supported throughout the year with professional development and coaching from the companies along with our very own literacy coaches. Our middle school Math Team will be starting a new curriculum this year called Carnegie Learning. Teachers have participated in professional development this summer and will continue to have professional learning support throughout the school year. We are extremely excited for this Math program.

Northwestern Elementary will be adopting a new math curriculum this year which includes K-5 grade. Mr. Rowe, Maureen Besancon, Krystle Lees, and I will be leading a group of teachers through the selection process. The high school science department will also be looking into curriculum adoptions. Curriculum is always an on-going adventure for all content areas. Teachers do an incredible job working the curriculum and finding supplemental resources throughout the school year.

Throughout this coming school year, the Northwestern Staff will participate in several different opportunities on and off Northwestern Campus. These will include mini-sessions and full-day learning opportunities. These include MAX Teaching (Reading and Writing Strategies), Positive Behavior Support Strategies (PBIS), Restorative Practice in the classroom, and effectively communicating with disruptive behaviors and continuation of LETRS Training for elementary teachers and grassroots math.

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

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)

Northwestern Student Support Services News!

1. Northwestern is adding a Full-Time Asst. High School Principal for next school year! We have separated our Asst. High School Principal and Athletic Director responsibilities so that we can have a full-time Asst. High School Principal beginning next school year.

2. Northwestern is adding two additional guidance counselor positions for next school year! We will be increasing our guidance counselors from our current 1 ES/MS and 1 HS to a new structure of 1 ES, 1 MS, 1 HS, and a part-time 5-9 guidance counselor to support students in a variety of ways, with the focus on transition support between buildings, positive relationships, and overseeing an adult-student mentorship program.

Our guidance counselors have numerous roles. Every year the demands from the state have strained our guidance counselors. We currently have a shared guidance counselor between the ES and MS. We have one guidance counselor in the HS. We also have a Pupil Services Support Team and a PBIS Team, among others. We have been discussing for some time the need to increase guidance and other support services. The repercussions of COVID and our changing society has made this a growing need. We feel our revised structures will help tremendously as outlined below. The Northwestern Board of Education approved the addition of 1 full-time and 1 part-time guidance counselors. Our new guidance structure next year will be:

- 1 ES guidance counselor
- 1 MS guidance counselor
- 1 HS guidance counselor
- 1 part-time transitions Gr. 5-9 guidance counselor

We also have the absolute best School Psychologist who is full-time as well!

Northwestern also contracts outside agencies who provide individual counseling and small group counseling and has for many years.

3. Training and Professional Development Opportunities. Northwestern provides several training opportunities for our staff in a variety of areas and aim to expand the training and drive a strong PBIS initiative next school year and further develop our student relationships and conflict resolution, and Bullying Prevention efforts. Our staff have many additional trainings on a plethora of topics annually. We have the best trained administrators and staff anywhere.

4. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a systematic approach of handling behaviors. The system includes 3 tiers- Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III, which begins at the most basic level of implementation (i.e.: all classrooms, busses, etc.) and moves to the highest level of support (i.e.: individual interventions based on specific needs). This takes time to train and implement. We have been working through Tier I and have had some training of Tier II. We have elements for all tiers; how

ever, have not fully implemented the entire system with fidelity. The district has adjusted some of the demands on Curriculum Director Julie McCumber and School Psychologist Sarah Seidel, who will lead this district-wide effort here at Northwestern beginning next school year as we advance this initiative!

Crisis Prevention Institute Training (CPI). This training is for Nonviolent Crisis Intervention, teaching individuals how to de-escalate a situation and how to appropriately respond. This is open to all staff; however, select individuals are also chosen to have this training who may work closely with students who have increased behavioral incidents (i.e.: Intervention Specialists, In-School Supervision Staff, Paraprofessionals, Administrators, etc.). This training is conducted annually.

Student Relationships, Conflict Resolution, and Bullying Prevention. We have offered bullying prevention in-service for staff; however, new Vector software will help us to monitor the frequency of this training for all staff in the future. There is so much more Vector has to offer. We are planning to implement additional research-based programs for staff and students next year as well.

5. Student Relationships Northwestern is not immune from challenges our young people are facing in regard to forging positive relationships with one another, building self-esteem, and problem-resolution. Where young people, adolescents, teens are together

er there will be conflict. The stressors and isolation during COVID has certainly not helped the difficulties our young people encounter. Northwestern continues our ongoing efforts to proactively provide skills and training opportunities with students, staff, and administrators as well as provide the supports for our students to be successful as they develop and mature. We are all in this effort together so let's keep the 2-way conversations and dialogue active between students-staff, parents-principals!

6. Survey Data We conducted a survey of students, parents, and staff last May. We will receive the results the end of this month and analyze this feedback in helping guide us to address perceived needs to continue improving our student service and efforts with building positive interactions and development of our students. Note that we paid a legitimate organization to conduct this survey, which had the same questions they use in other schools across the nation. We felt it important that this survey was impartial and independent.

7. Building Student Relationships Meeting Our building principals are holding meetings in August to discuss the data from the surveys, current and past efforts regarding positive student relationships and success. Please contact your building principal in early August, when they and secretaries begin holding regular office hours again, if you are interested in participating.

Employment Opportunities!

Bus Drivers and Van Drivers Needed!
We have a small number of sub bus drivers and van drivers, but several have limited availability – so we can always use more and keep you busy!
Great hourly rate!
Contact Northwestern Transportation Dept. (419-846-3151) if you have an interest in the district-paid training, a very good salary, and opportunity for future employment as a van or bus driver!

We traditionally have hired from our substitute personnel for full time positions when they occur. Come substitute for us and get in line for a full time position!

Substitute Teacher Aides, Food Service, Custodians, and a FT Evening Custodian Needed!
We have need for substitutes in these areas as well. We traditionally have hired from our substitute personnel for full time positions when they occur. Come substitute for us and get in line for a full time position!

Every Day Substitute Teachers Needed – work every day with any degree!

Retirees from any career welcome to apply as well for these and other district positions – your experience is valuable! Call 419-846-3151 for any of these opportunities!



Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame Inductions

Congratulations on that candidates selected into the Mike Burkholder Memorial and Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame Class of 2023! The Northwestern Hall of Fame has scheduled to induct our 2023 Class this fall. The induction ceremony will be prior to the Football Game at Husky Stadium on September 15, 2023. This night the Huskies will host the Bobcats from Norwayne. We hope you and your family can join us at 6:15 pm at the Stadium. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 pm. The Class of 2023 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Members include:

Dean Chance – 1959 Graduate of NHS – Member of State Baseball & Basketball Championship teams
 Kara Koch Kornowski – 2009 Graduate of NHS – Volleyball, Basketball & Softball – State Record Holder for most Kills in Volleyball with “2196”
 Roy Bates – 1943 Graduate of Chester HS – Coach Baseball & Basketball Championship teams
 Jana Wyatt Carozza – 2008 Graduate of NHS – Cross Country and Track – State Qualifier in Pole Vault

The Northwestern Husky Nation is eager to celebrate the athletic accomplishments of these outstanding individuals. We look forward to seeing you at the Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony!

This Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame came about due to the request of former and long-time dedicated and passionate Northwestern High School Principal and Coach Mike Burkholder. As we discussed a way to memorialize Mike, he asked (prior to his passing) that whatever we do in his memory, that we also honor Northwestern athletes. Mike leaves a lasting legacy of leadership and dedication here at Northwestern. Mike had huge passion for our students, student athletes, our staff, and Northwestern Schools!

The result was the creation of The Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Hall of Fame area at the entrance of our main Husky Stadium Football and Track Sports Complex. The hall of fame was incorporated into the memorial of a great and compassionate leader, Mike Burkholder. The district appreciates the many contributions of our Husky employees and Husky community, various organizations and businesses, The Wayne County Foundation, as well as the Burkholder family in the more than \$26,000 donated for The Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Hall of Fame.

- We will continue annually soliciting applications for candidates each spring.
- Ceremony:
 - Tyler Keener, Master of Ceremonies
 - Ceremony begins at 6:30PM
 - Tents and refreshments for the inductees and their families
 - A family member or friend will stand-in for a deceased inductee
 - Passes will be provided for inductees and their families
 - We will tape-off a section of bleachers for inductees and their families
 - Groups and individual inductees will stand and be recognized at end of 1st quarter
- We have been in the process of contacting families and individuals for the induction and ceremony for the fall, 2023 inductions

NORTHWESTERN IS BLESSED WITH A LARGE CAMPUS WITH FANTASTIC FACILITIES. WE WORK HARD TO MAINTAIN OUR CAMPUS WITH OUR LIMITED PI (PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT) FUNDS, DISTRICT GENERAL FUNDS, AND SEEK GRANTS TO PAY FOR THESE – ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF COSTS NEARLY DOUBLING FOR THESE ITEMS THESE PAST FEW YEARS. WE ALSO DO WHAT WE CAN IN-HOUSE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR FACILITIES REMAIN THE BEST AROUND AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST. THIS SUMMER MAINTENANCE LIST IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE. WE HAVE ONGOING MOWING AND TRIMMING, EMERGENCY NEEDS THAT COME UP, EQUIPMENT FAILURE, LIGHTNING STRIKES, STORM DAMAGE, LISTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BUILDING PRINCIPALS WHICH ARE BROUGHT FORWARD, AS WELL AS OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE ONGOING AND OTHER ITEMS THAT WE OBSERVE. A HUGE “THANK YOU” TO MAINTENANCE SU

SUMMER 2023 MAINTENANCE LIST

PERSIVORMIKE WURST, MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT ERIC HALL, TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR KEVIN BRAZEE, AND OUR HARD-WORKING CUSTODIANS AS WELL!

HERE ARE THE MAJOR ITEMS:

ONGOING REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING INTERIOR LIGHTING FIXTURES WITH LED FIXTURES

ONGOING CARPET AND TILE REPLACEMENT DUE TO WEAR
 ONGOING REPLACEMENT OF 3-WAY VALVES AT VAV BOXES THAT ARE LEAKING OR NOT WORKING.

OVERSEE ROOF, DOWNSPOUT, AND GUTTER REPAIRS
 HVAC FILTER REPLACEMENT AND MOTOR MAINTENANCE SERVICING ACROSS THE DISTRICT

INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL WATER BOTTLE REFILL STATIONS AT DRINKING FOUNTIONS PURCHASED THROUGH GRANT FUNDS

NUMEROUS AND VARIED ADDITIONAL SAFETY PROJECTS – DOORS, CAMERAS, RADIOS, BASE RADIO, AND OTHER SECURI

TY ITEMS PAID FOR THROUGH 3 MAJOR GRANTS
 ROOF REPAIRS AT NORTH ENTRY & GUTTER REPLACEMENT.
 LANDSCAPING.
 A MAJORITY OF MS AND DISTRICT OFFICE PARKING LOT RESURFACING AND REPAIRS (MAJOR PROJ)
 SEALING HS ASPHALT THAT WAS RESURFACED AND REPAIRED LAST YEAR TO PROTECT IT
 PAINTING FRESH COATS OF LIMESTONE
 REPLACEMENT OF SERVERS, ACCESS POINTS, PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL COMPUTERS, CHROME BOOKS, PROJECTORS, AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES THROUGH 2/3 GRANT FUNDING
 STRIPPING AND WAXING FLOORS, CLEANING, CLASSROOMS, HALLWAYS, AND OTHER AREAS
 FURNITURE REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS
 ATHLETIC FIELD CONDITIONING AND DRAINAGE
 CONCRETE AND CONCRETE SIDEWALK PROJECTS
 AND SO MUCH MORE...



Northwestern Ruritans

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

- CR Blooms
- Wayne Co. FOP Lodge 94

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, Oh” or visit on the link through our Northwestern website



NORTHWESTERN RURITAN CLUB MEETING NEWS RELEASE:

“Helping Our Community Be a Better Place to Live”

The Northwestern Ruritan Club met on July 10 at 6:30 p.m. for the monthly club dinner/meeting at “The Barn” restaurant. President Kim Wellert welcomed members, wives, and guest John Lorson. The group joined in singing “America” and the invocation was given by Jim Johnson. The buffet dinner served by “The Barn” was enjoyed by all.

John Lorson, Program Administrator for the Wayne Co. Soil & Water Conservation District, gave a fascinating slide program on the bald Eagle (aka American Eagle). Comments made: they are only found in North America (Ohio is epicenter of Bald Eagles); were almost extinct with only four known pairs in 1979 in Ohio; have “come back” with 707 nests known in 2022 in Ohio (7 known lived to 38 years in a zoo).

nests in Wayne County); with John riding bicycle all over the area, he is very familiar with many of the nests; reason for losing many was DDT & lead poisoning in 1950’s & 60’s; great credit given to Rachel Carson with book “Silent Spring”; clean water act passed in 1970; they are huge birds (may have 7 ft. wingspan with over 2 inch talons); they do not migrate; most of their food is from rivers & streams (generally within a 2 mile radius); will “steal” fish, etc. from other birds; will use the same nest (may add to it – nests may be 6 ft. wide & 4 ft. high); males & females remain as a pair; females lay 3 eggs and begins incubating right away; chicks hatch at different times (last one may be pushed out of nest); average age is 25 years (oldest known eagle

report was approved subject to audit. A thank you note was received from Tom Reed for his Husky Brigade package and from the NW Elementary School students for the donation to the “Reading Lights” program. (Over 665 people attended. Our donation helped 333 students “shop” for five books to take home.) “We cannot express how impactful this donation has been in helping foster the love of reading in our community’s youth!”

Jamie Bowman expressed his strong appreciation for members’ help with the “Parade of Flags” project. The flags were recently taken in temporarily. There was storm damage to some of the flags (which will be replaced). Flags will be put back out for Patriot Day Sep. 11. Beck appreciated the help with the Rt. 301 Spring

roadside trash pickup on June 17. The next trash pickup is planned for Aug. 19. The following have signed up to assist people at the recycling bins at the Congress Township House from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon: July 1 – Mike Becker, July 15 – John Ertl, Aug. 5 – Dick Wiley. Wiley appreciates help with the West Salem Bike Race on Sat., July 22, beginning at 8:00 am. He has about 60 riders signed up for the race.

With no more business, following the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was adjourned. The next Dinner/Meeting will be at 6:30 pm, Aug. 14, at Northwestern High School. The program will be by the Business, Professions, and Finance Committee, Dick Wiley, Chair. The Director’s meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. that evening in the school library.

The Ruritans provide ongoing community service projects that include:

- Awarding \$8,000 in Scholarships this spring, 2023 for Northwestern Graduates and hundreds of thousands in scholarships over the years!
- 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



Olivia Humphrey represented NMS at the Wayne County spelling Bee on January 24.



Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Business Recognition Award

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

Name of Business: CR Blooms

Address: 1494 E. Smithville Western Rd., Suite A, Wooster, OH 44691

Phone: (330) 345-1503

Owners: Cheryl and Rick Boreman

Contributions to school and/or community:

CR Blooms has been an outstanding partner for Northwestern High School during all 28 years of business in the Wayne County community. Every year, CR Blooms donates the beautiful roses for our homecoming court and any necessary plant décor for our prom grand march. Senior night flowers for all athletic teams and graduation flowers are provided at a minimal cost to the school. Discounts are offered to students for the purchase of homecoming and prom arrangements, while fundraising efforts by student council are supported, as well. In summary, CR Blooms has supported Northwestern Local Schools in every capacity possible when the need arises.

Cheryl and Rick Boreman, and CR Blooms, have shown exemplary community-mindedness towards Northwestern Local Schools during the past several decades. Their contributions toward this district are greatly appreciated by all in Husky Nation.

Name of Business: Wayne Co. FOP Lodge 94

Address: PO Box 717 Wooster OH 44691

Phone: 330-464-3343

Contributions to school and/or community:

The FOP sponsors Reading Under the Lights and is very generous in helping in any way they can. They have helped with supplying shoes for students in need. Every year they donate backpacks full of school supplies. They help out with Christmas gifts for children and their families. They also sponsor teen driver safety.

This past year, 2022, 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!

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

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

- Wayne County Commissioners
- Congress Township Trustees
- Perry Township Trustees

NORTHWESTERN RURITAN CLUB MEETING NEWS RELEASE:

“Helping Our Community Be a Better Place to Live”

The Northwestern Ruritan Club met on June 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. for the monthly club dinner/meeting at Northwestern High School (NWHS). President Kim Wellert welcomed members. The group joined in singing "America" and the invocation was given by Jim Johnson. The dinner served by the NWHS Chefs was enjoyed.

The May 8 mtg. minutes were read and approved as read. Chuck Beck's treasurer's report was approved subject to audit. A motion was passed that the club donate funds to the West Salem Messenger (as suggested by Kathleen Howman) in appreciation for their covering many of our activities.

Jamie Bowman appreciates members' help with the "Parade of Flags" project. Flags were put out before Memorial Day and left up for Flag Day June 14). It was decided to leave the flags up until after the 4th of July. The flags in the community (especially in front of the schools) are spectacular! Beck reported "Husky Brigade" packages were sent to two overseas soldiers last month. He appreciates the "goodies" members brought in for the packages. Beck also reported the Spring roadside trash pickup will be this Sat., June 17, meeting at 9:00 am in front of the NW Middle School. Members have signed up to assist people at the recycling bins at the Congress Township House from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on June 3, June 17, July 1, and July 15.

Chuck Beck announced the "Reading Under the Lights" program at the NWHS football field went well with about 650 people attending. He appreciates club members who helped. Dick Wiley announced the West Salem Bike Race will be Sat., July 22, beginning at 8:00 am.. He will need about five people to assist with traffic control at road crossings, etc..

The program was Jerry Payn telling about the honor of being in the Ohio State Univ. Marching Band. His father was in the band (playing sousaphone) beginning in 1928, his first year was 1958 (also sousaphone), and his son Rob was in the band (playing trumpet) beginning 1988. It is the largest brass band in the world (brass instruments & percussion) and is known as "The Best Darned Band in the Land". A demonstration was given with his tuba on vibrating lips into the mouthpiece, and then the sound when connected to the tuba (changing pitch, etc. with pressing the tuba valves, etc.). In 1960 there were 120 marching members (12 rows with 10 in a row) and in recent years there are 192 marching (16 rows with 12 in a row). The band rows keep straight while marching down the field with each member taking eight steps to every five yards with the ball of his/her right foot being on each yard line when crossing it. The band is famous for its "Script Ohio". Jerry had the special honor of dotting the "i" in the script while a senior. For the last 55 years or so, alumni of the band have been invited back to a game each year to march and play in the Alumni Band, which Payn did regularly until 1993. There have been as many as 800 alumni come back, which fills up the field. They now do four full Script Ohio's on the field (all at one time).

With no more business, following the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was adjourned.

The next Dinner/Meeting will be at 6:30 pm, July 10, at The Barn Restaurant below Smithville with spouses invited & welcome. The program will be by the Environment Committee. The Director's will meet at the Barn at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

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.
Wellert's 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





Tyler Keener
Northwestern High
School Principal

Peter Crone- Assistant Principal
Jennifer Laeng- School Counselor
Jen Buchholtz- Science
Andrew McCoy- Financial Literacy and Student Services Coordinator
Steven Carozza- ISS tutor

Welcome back to the new school year! I am excited to get the year going and am looking forward to all the amazing things we have in store for our students. We have many great programs for our students to take advantage of here at Northwestern, but what truly makes us special is the students, staff, and families. Our people make this community a great place to live, work and learn.

I am excited for our new staff members and welcome them here to Northwestern High School. We are glad to have these new Huskies on our team!

As we start this school year, I want all of us to commit to having a growth mindset. No matter where we begin, we can always find small ways to improve every single day. High school students have about 720 days of school. Crazy as it seems...becoming 1% every day equates to becoming 1292% over the course of one's high school career. No matter what you strive to do, find a passion, and become 1% better at it each day.

As we prepare our students for the real world, we as a staff always strive to make students the primary focus of all we do. We believe:

- Students are the primary consideration. All decisions must reflect an optimum opportunity for their educational development.
- Every student is an individual deserving of having opportunities to best fulfill their potential.
- All students can learn when their physical and emotional needs are met.
- All Staff are to meet the learning needs of each individual student.
- Students are the priority and responsibility of the school district and the whole community.
- Through a partnership of parents, educators,

community, and students, we can provide the optimal environment to prepare all students to be successful.

We ask that all stakeholders partner with us as we prepare our students of today for the opportunities of tomorrow. After collecting survey results from students, staff, and community last spring, we developed our "Traits of Northwestern Huskies". As a school and staff, we will be speaking to these attributes in all that we do as a school. We believe that all our students have the potential to be the best version of themselves and, in partnership with our community, all stakeholders can help intentionally build these attributes in each of our students.

A reminder that our student schedules can be picked up August 16, 8-2; August 17, 11-2; and on August 18, 8-2. Open house will take place on August 17 from 4-7:30 and an optional student orientation will be held on the same evening at 6pm. Please keep up to date on our website for information regarding lunches, upcoming events, and school fees.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to a great school year.

Go Huskies!



NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

4th Quarter

1ST HONORS (4.010-OVER)

Seniors: Brett Alberts, Florida Blake, Addison Bodager, Brooklyn Buzard, Gabriel Chupp, Ella Erickson, Jesse Evans, Arianna Firebaugh, Anna Gendron, Madison Gray, Charlie Herman, Melanie Imhoff, Steven LaGoy, Brooke McNeil, Hayden Novak, Ava O'Loughlin, Gavin Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Daylie Rickard, Trenton Sigler, Ava Stoller, Thomas Tomechko, Isabella Vacco, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Charles Westover, Danielle Wilkes, Samantha Yates

Juniors: Kirsten Boreman, Drake Crumley, Jacob Farner, Quinn Fast, Alyssa Fisher, Josiah Gilman, Ellie Hanshaw, Gavin Hines, Madalyne Hunt, Sophia Linder, Tristan Miller, Ella Saal, Hunter Sciortino, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton

Sophomores: Taya Becerra, Harmony Blake, Kristanna Bradford, Sara Corn, Gabriella Cubur, Kayla Cutter, Kowen Donahue, Malloory Gilbert, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Ella Hartsel, Ayden Hendricks, Danyel Hyatt, Kelli Kearney, Noah Lee, Colton Mark, Sydney McConahay, McKensie McCoy, Morgan Murphy, Tyler Perry, Logan Shriver, Braydan Springer, Jule Stoller, Alexandra Stoltz, Alysa Troyan, Joshua Webel

Freshmen: Sophia Ahrendt, Alivia Aicone, James Cassidy, Kaylee Cherry, Addyson Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Jacob Ebert, Jackson Evans, Lorelai Garman, Mason Gray, Neveah Kirk, William Marshall, Savannah McConahay, Evan McKay, Hayden Sigler, Ravena Stiegelmeier, Wesley Stoltz, Josey Thomas, Kiera Whisman, Audriana Yeagley

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Audrey Franks, Kristan George, Paul Kobak, Charleigh McMillan, Kendrick Meuer, Louisa Morris, Lauren Vaughan

Juniors: Kara Burgan, Gavin Hines, Mikalah Jones, Ethan Mausolf, Olivia Richardson, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman

Sophomores: Karizma Brinker, Morgan Ervin, Will Hamey, Madison Love, Mason Meininger, Josiah Moats, Avery Mullet, Kalyn Nelson, Gabriel Nicholson, Katherine Orosz, Miranda Smith, Chloe Starcher, Taylor Wurst

Freshmen: Alexander Boehm, Jason Diehl, Cheyenne Friend, Hannah Frontz, Wyatt Goon, Coralyn Hall, Kate Johnson, Taylor Leidigh, Jacoby Matacale, Carson Seabolt, Kelsee Smith, Deborah Sponseller, Holly Widdows

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: Braiden Barthallow, Carter Clarke, Harper Flores, Collin Good, A'Kia Hardin, Anthony Huber, Kayla Hummel, Mark Ingraham, Brent Mann, Gabriel Noble, Grace Noble, Craig Reed, Ethan Siders, Ariel Smith, Andrew Tope, Mary Wellert

Juniors: Nihad Al-Jamal, Olivia Amstutz, Kaleb Badger, Brandon Barnette, Haley Caldwell, Logan Garman, Jacoby Gilbert, Jacob Huebner, Brianna Lance, Zoey Oldaker, Jennie Riffle, Caydence Scale, Cade St. Clair, Easton Thomas, Jacob Ward, Jonathon Widdows

Sophomores: Isaac Beun, Kyleighana Collins, Matteo Dague, Haylie Fisher, Braiden Franks, Ashton Good, Blake Good, Kaylie Gregory, Jaidyn Kelly, Donna Kurpik, Taelyn Lambert, Eric Meeker,

Lucas Olson-Doll, Emilie Ott, Gavin Palmer, Alexa Riffel, Emma Salem, Elizabeth Siedlack, Emily Thompson, Heidi Topp, Kelsey Walkuski, Jailynn Woodruff, Roxanna Zytowiecki

Freshmen: Kierah Bailey, Essentiuel Brown, Nickolas Coots, Riellie DeSanto, Asher Erf, Lorelai Garman, Wyatt Goon, Destiny Grayshaw, Caden Grier, Nancy Harowski, Timothy Hatfield, Samantha Herman, Kace Hixson, Kate Johnson, Isabella Kelley, Nevaeh Kirk, Brayden Knapp, Taylor Leidigh, Eleanna Lightle, Eithan Lilly, Chet McNeil, Ashton Moser, Eva Patterson, Keiley Reynolds, Mason Rogers, Olivia Scarbrough, Audrina Smith, Kelsee Smith, Daniel Sponseller, Deborah Sponseller, Braidon Sturgill, Payton White, Addalyn Willig

SENIOR AWARDS

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED BY NORTHWESTERN STUDENTS AS OF 5/25/23: \$1,318,593

VALEDICTORIAN:

Paige Walter

SALUTATORIAN:

Brailee Beun

SCOT INDUSTRIES

SCHOLARSHIP: Jacob

Wakefield

CARLOS WEBER MEMO-

RIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Ma-

rina Aulger

SEAMAN FAMILY FOUN-

DATION SCHOLARSHIP:

Gavin Phillips, Craig Reed

DON AND TEARA BU-

REN SCHOLARSHIP:

Trent Sigler, Danielle Wilkes

KRISTEN JACKSON ME-

MORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Jacob Wakefield

AULTCARE "YOU MAT-

TER" SCHOLARSHIP: Ava

Stoller

WALTER AND MARY ES-

THER SCHMID SCHOL-

ARSHIP: Grace Bowen

WELTMER FOUNDA-

TION ACADEMIC GIFT:

Kristan George

CARL AND THELMA

STITZLEIN CATTLE-

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP: Marina

Aulger

JESSICA ANDERSON

SCHOLARSHIP: Anna

Gendron

JOSEPH D. LUCCI SR. ME-
MORIAL AWARD: Carissa
Brinker

DAVID POFF KIPP ME-
MORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Marina Aulger

W O O S T E R - W A Y N E
C H A P T E R O F D A R -
G O O D C I T I Z E N A W A R D :

Paige Walter

JESSICA ANDERSON ME-
MORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Anna Gendron

NORTHWESTERN RURI-

TAN CLUB ACADEMIC

GIFT: Brett Alberts, Flori-

da Blake, Jesse Evans, Au-

drey Franks, Anna Gendron,

Madison Gray, Nolan Hart-

sel, Brooke McNeil, Gavin

Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Jacob

Wakefield, Paige Walter

ALL SPORTS ASSOCIA-

TION SCHOLARSHIPS:

Brett Alberts, Florida Blake,

Nolan Hartsel, Gavin Phil-

lips, Kylee Purdy, Ethan

Siders, Jacob Wakefield

ROY BATES SCHOLAR-

SHIP: Gavin Phillips

HUSKY FOOTBALL

CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS:

Nolan Hartsel, Anthony Hu-

ber, Gavin Phillips

MICHAEL "COACH

BURK" BURKHOLDER

MEMORIAL SCHOLAR-

SHIP: Nolan Hartsel

#7 JAKE CASSADY

SCHOLARSHIP: Florida

Blake, Gavin Phillips

TODD BOATNER ME-

MORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Brailee Beun

WAYNE COUNTY
SPORTS HALL OF FAME
OUTSTANDING MALE
AND FEMALE ATHLETE:
Florida Blake, Jacob Wake-

field

ARCHIE GRIFFIN

S P O R T S M A N S H I P

A W A R D : Nolan Hartsel,

Kylee Purdy

OHSAA SCHOLAR ATH-

LETES: Brailee Beun,

Gavin Phillips

OHSAA COURAGEOUS

STUDENT AWARD: Sam

Terwilliger

NFHS AWARD OF EX-

CELLENCE: Brett Alberts,

Madison Gray

THREE SPORTS ATH-

LETE AWARD: Collin

Good

CAREER CENTER AM-

BASSADOR SCHOLAR-

SHIP: Carissa Brinker

WEWS NewsChannel 5

Best of the Class: Paige

Walter

STATE OF OHIO SEAL OF

BILITERACY: Ava Stoller,

Paige Walter

STATE OF OHIO ACA-

DEMIC HONORS DIPLO-

MA: Marina Aulger, Flori-

da Blake, Gabriel Chupp,

Jesse Evans, Audrey Franks,

Nolan Hartsel, Louisa

Morris, Gavin Phillips, Ava

Stoller, Jacob Wakefield

STATE OF OHIO STEM

HONORS DIPLOMA:

Brailee Beun, Madison

Gray, Steven LaGoy, Paige

Walter

CAREER TECH HONORS
DIPLOMA: Carissa Brink-

er

CLASS OF 2023 CITIZEN-

SHIP AWARD: Brailee

Beun, Ella Erickson, Gavin

Phillips, Kylee Purdy

SERVICE AWARDS:

Front Office: Ava Stoller,

Hanna Wilson

ACCOUNTING I: Logan

Kolp, Kylee Purdy

ACCOUNTING II: Addi-

son Bodager, Joseph Buch-

holz, Daylie Rickard

ART: Florida Blake, Harp-

er Flores, Anna Gendron,

Louisa Morris, Danielle

Wilkes

ENGLISH: Florida Blake,

Melanie Imhoff, Ava Stoller,

Paige Walter, Mary Wellert,

Charles Westover,

ENGINEERING: Gabriel

Chupp, Kendrick Meuer,

Craig Reed, Jacob Wakefield

COMPUTER SCIENCE

DESIGN & DEVELOP-

MENT: Steven LaGoy

MATHEMATICS

CCP Statistics: Madison

Gray, Danielle Wilkes

CCP Calculus I: Florida

Blake, Gabriel Chupp, Jacob

Wakefield

Statistics: Ava Stoller

ROBOTICS: Steven LaGoy,

Kylee Purdy

SCIENCE

CCP General Chemistry

130/131: Marina Aulger,

Gabriel Chupp, Brooke

McNeil

Chemistry: Jacob Wake-

field, Danielle Wilkes

Physics: Florida Blake
Clean Energy Innovations:
Isabella Vacco, Paige Walter
BI/HOSA/Science Fair Par-

ticipants:

HOSA Scholarship: Brailee

Beun

GEOLOGY: Charles

Westover

PHOTOGRAPHY: Phoe-

nix Cuthrell

HONOR ROLL AWARD

(These students have

attained honor roll status

for the first three grading

periods): Brett Alberts,

Florida Blake, Addison

Bodager, Brooklyn Buz-

zard, Gabriel Chupp, Carter

Clarke, Ella Erickson, Jesse

Evans, Arianna Firebaugh,

Audrey Franks, Anna

Gendron, Kristan George,

Collin Good, Madison

Gray, A'Kia Hardin, Charlie

Herman, Kayla Hummel,

Melanie Imhoff, Mark

Ingraham, Keegan Johns,

Logan Kolp, Steven LaGoy,

Brent Mann, Charleigh

McMillan, Brooke McNeil,

Kendrick Meuer, Louisa

Morris, Gabriel Noble,

Grace Noble, Hayden No-

vak, Ava O'Loughlin, Gavin

Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Craig

Reed, Daylie Rickard, Ethan

Siders, Trenton Sigler, Ariel

Smith, Ava Stoller, Thomas

Tomechko, Andrew Tope,

Isabella Vacco, Lauren

Vaughan, Jacob Wakefield,

Paige Walter, Mary Wellert,

Charles Westover, Danielle

Wilkes Samantha Yates



Important Fall Sports

OHSAA Mandatory Fall Athletic Parent/Student Meeting will be held on July 27th at 6pm in the high school theater. This is for all middle school and high school athletes and parents that will be participating in a fall sport.



SCHOLARSHIPS

High School Underclassman Awards

ART: Kiera Beard, Gabriela Cubur, Noah Lee, Sydney McConahay, Josey Thomas, Audriana Yeagley, Roxanna Zytowiecki
 BUSINESS
 ACCOUNTING I: Karizma Brinker, Coralyn Hall, Lillian Wakefield
 COMPUTER SCIENCE/ROBOTICS
 COMPUTER SCIENCE ESSENTIALS: Jacob Ebert, Tyleer Perry, Joshua Webel
 COMPUTER SCIENCE APPLICATIONS: Josiah Gilman
 COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES: Jacob Farner, Gino Guidetti, Mason Meininger, Morgan Murphy
 ENGINEERING
 INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING DESIGN: Gino Guidetti, William Marshall, Evan McKay
 PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING: Ayden Hendricks, Tristan Miller, Hunter Sciortino
 ENGLISH
 ENGLISH 9: Kaylee Cherry, Coralyn Hall, William Marshall, Savannah McConahay, Evan McKay, Mason Rogers, Ravenna Stiegelmeier, Kiera Whisman
 ENGLISH 9 ADVANCED: Emma Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Josey Thomas
 ENGLISH 10: Karizma Brinker, Ayden Hendricks, Sydney McConahay, Avery Mullet, Logan Shriver, Taylor Wurst
 ENGLISH 10 ADVANCED: Harmony Blake, Kayla Cutter, Morgan Murphy, Alexandra Stoltz
 ENGLISH 11: Mikalah Jones, Donna Petersen, Kade Tegtmeier, Preston Wilcox
 ENGLISH 11 ADVANCED/CCP COMP 101: Quinn Fast, Josiah Gilman, Ellie Hanshaw, McKensie McCoy, Ella Saal, Lillian Wakefield

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE: Logan Garman, Emilie Ott, Ella Saal
 HEALTH: Karizma Brinker, Claire Buchholz, Mason Gray, Noah Lee, Sophia Linder, Kade Tegtmeier
 MATHEMATICS
 ALGEBRA I: Alivia Aicone, Alexander Boehm, Corbin Chanay, Cheyenne Friend, Coralyn Hall, William Marshall, Carson Seabolt, Daniel Sponseller, Ravenna Stiegelmeier, Holly Widdows
 GEOMETRY: Kristanna Bradford, Karizma Brinker, Savannah McConahay, Sydney McConahay, Katherine Orosz, Tyler Perry
 GEOMETRY ADVANCED: Makenna Connelly, Evan McKay, Wesley Stoltz
 ALGEBRA II: Harmony Blake, Drake Crumley, Alexandra Stoltz
 ALGEBRA II ADV.: Kayla Cutter, Kelli Kearney, McKensie McCoy, Alysa Troyan
 STATISTICS: Kade Tegtmeier
 CCP COLLEGE ALGEBRA: Jacob Farner, Josiah Gilman, Tristan Miller, Ella Saal, Hunter Sciortino
 CCP CALCULUS: Quinn Fast
 CCP STATISTICS: Gino Guidetti
 CCP TRIGONOMETRY: Gavin Hines, Madalyne Hunt, Sophia Linder
 PHOTOGRAPHY: Bladen Friend, Madison Love, Morgan Murphy, Olivia Richardson, Lillian Wakefield
 PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Grant Bond, James Cassidy, Jason Diehl, Easton Thomas
 ROBOTICS: Tristan Miller, Luke Walton
 SCIENCE
 PHYSICAL SCIENCE: Alivia Aicone, Alexander Boehm, Coralyn Hall, Jacoby Matacale, Mason Rogers, Ravenna Stiegelmeier, Kiera Whisman, Holly Widdows

CLEAN ENERGY/PHYSICAL SCIENCE ACC: Corbin Chanay, Addyson Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Evan McKay
 CLEAN ENERGY APPLICATIONS: Faith Maiher, Zoey Oldaker
 BIOLOGY CP: Taya Becerra, Harmony Blake, Gino Guidetti, Ayden Hendricks, Gabriel Nicholson, Katherine Orosz, Tyler Perry, Logan Shriver, Elizabeth Siedlack
 PRINCIPALS OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: MEDICAL INTERVENTION:
 HOSA INTERNATIONAL QUALIFIER:
 STATE SCIENCE FAIR QUALIFIER:
 FORENSIC SCIENCE: Quinn Fast
 CHEMISTRY: Kayla Cutter, Alyssa Fisher, Madalyn Hunt, Sydney McConahay, Ella Saal, Jule Stoller, Alysa Troyan
 PHYSICS: Quinn Fast, Josiah Gilman, Tristan Miller, Jennie Riffle, Hunter Sciortino, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton
 STAR: Hayden Sigler, Madalyne Hunt, Coralyn Hall, Audrina Smith, Nevaeh Kirk, Ashton Moser, Cheyenne Friend, Alivia Aicone, Deacon Dupre, Savannah McConahay, Kayla Cutter, Chloe Starcher, Lacey Mark, Bladen Friend, Elaine Groves, Ella Hartsel, Will Hamey, Taya Becerra, Jaily Woodruff, Kelli Kearney, Alysa Troyan, Sydney McConahay, Isaac Beun, Ben Spencer, Alexandra Stoltz, Kalyn Nelson, Heidi Topp, Ella Saal Olivia Richardson, Cayden Fiala, Carter Clarke,
 STUDENT COUNCIL:
 JUNIORS: Kara Burgan, Drake Crumley, Cayden Fiala, Caleb Mackey, Olivia Richardson, Jennie Riffle, Ella Saal,

SOPHOMORES: Taya Becerra, Kayla Cutter, Elaine Groves, Ella Hartsel, Kelli Kearney, Sydney McConahay, Chloe Starcher, Allie Stoltz, Alysa Troyan, Jaily Woodruff
 FRESHMEN: Alivia Aicone, Camryn Boak, Claire Buchholz, Carter Burgan, Addie Cassidy, Kaylee Cherry, Riellie DeSanto, Cheyenne Friend, Destiny Grayshaw, Sami Herman, Savannah McConahay, Ashton Moser, Gabi Riedel, Kyndall Sims
 SOCIAL STUDIES
 MODERN WORLD HISTORY: Alexander Boehm, Nicholas Coots, Wyatt Goon, Kace Hixson, William Marshall, Jacoby Matacale, Savannah McConahay, Ravenna Stiegelmeier, Alaric Trimble
 MODERN WORLD HISTORY ADVANCED: Kaylee Cherry, Makenna Connelly, Jackson Evans, Evan McKay, Josey Thomas, Audriana Yeagley
 AMERICAN HISTORY: Mateo Dague, Ayden Hendricks, Jacob Huebner, Shawn Jacklin, Madison Love, Sydney McConahay, Colton Mark, Avery Mullet, Tyler Perry, Logan Shriver, Taylor Wurst
 AMERICAN HISTORY ADVANCED: Kayla Cutter, Kowen Donahue, Noah Lee, McKensie McCoy, Morgan Murphy, Alexandra Stoltz
 PSYCHOLOGY: Zoey Oldaker
 GOVERNMENT: Nihad Al-Jamal, Jacob Huebner, Mikaylah Jones, Kade Tegtmeier, Jacob Ward, Carissa Whisman
 CCP GOVERNMENT: Quinn Fast, Josiah Gilman, Tristan Miller, Ella Saal, Luke Walton
 VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST: Elaine Groves, Ayden Hendricks, Emilie Ott, Benjamin Spencer, Alexandra Stoltz

WORLD LANGUAGE
 SPANISH I: Makenna Connelly, Mallory Gilbert, Danyel Hyatt, Savannah McConahay
 SPANISH II: Kaylee Cherry, Addyson Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Alexandra Stoltz, Josey Thomas
 SPANISH III: Quinn Fast, McKensie McCoy, Ella Saal, Lillian Wakefield
 DANFORTH "I DARE YOU" LEADERSHIP AWARD
 Ella Saal, daughter of Mark & Carolyn Saal
 Josiah Gilman, son of Thom & Karen Gilman
 PERFECT ATTENDANCE
 FRESHMEN: Jason Diehl
 SOPHOMORES: Eric Meeker
 JUNIORS: Josiah Gilman, Mikalah Jones, Hunter Sciortino
 FRONT OFFICE SERVICE AWARD: Ava Stoller, Hanna Wilson
 FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN M RUNKLE, JR. CITIZENSHIP AWARD: (Each faculty/staff member chooses one student) Alexander Boehm, Grant Bond, Kirsten Boreman, Kristanna Bradford, Kaylee Cherry, Emma Connelly, Drake Crumley, Gabriela Cuber, Kayla Cutter, Jason Diehl, Mallory Gilbert, Ellie Hanshaw, Mikalah Jones, Bri Lance, Savannah McConahay, McKensie McCoy, Danny McClure, Evan McKay, Tristan Miller, Gabriel Nicholson, Emilie Ott, Tyler Perry, Ella Saal, Deborah Sponseller, Cade St. Clair, Ravenna Stiegelmeier, Emily Thompson, Taylor Wurst
 HONOR ROLL (These students have attained honor roll status for the first three quarters)
 FRESHMEN: Sophia Ahrendt, Alivia Aicone, Kierah Bailey, Alexander Boehm, Claire

High School Underclassman Awards

Northwestern All-Sports Association

Membership for 2023-2024 (August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024)

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday night of each month in the High School Library. All community members are welcome to attend.

The All-Sports Association provides many services for all the athletes at Northwestern.

All-Sports has contributed to the new HUDL system for streaming events. We have also helped pay for uniforms, equipment, championship shirts as well as awarding up to \$7500 in Senior Academic Gifts annually. We need your support not just with membership, but mostly with your involvement. Won't you please consider getting involved with All-Sports?

Your membership in the All-Sports Association will help us continue to provide support to ALL the Northwestern Husky Athletes.

Name: _____

(How you want it printed in newsletters and the Fall and Winter sports programs)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cost:

\$25.00 – Family Membership (Please circle one)

\$40.00 – Silver Membership

\$50.00 – Gold Membership

You can give this form to any officer or mail it to: Northwestern High School

c/o All Sports

7473 N. Elyria Rd

West Salem, OH 44287

Please make checks payable to Northwestern All-Sports Association

Officers: President: Sarah White

Vice President: Steve Carlson

Secretary: Andrea Ellerbrock

Treasurer: Janet Alberts

Are you interested in helping at the Concession Stands? Yes No

Are you interested in advertising in our Programs? Yes No

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Miranda Smith, Braydan Springer, Jule Stoller, Alexandra Stoltz, Emily Thompson, Alysa Troyan, Kelsey Walkuski, Joshua Webel, Jailynn Woodruff, Taylor Wurst, Roxanna Zytowiecki
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Future Fridays

It is a new school year and time for Future Fridays at NMS! During a Future Friday, we invite a guest speaker to share his/her expertise with students about career choices and future options, such as career, trade, college, and/or military experiences. Future Fridays are designed to expose students to the types of careers that are available in today's job market, while also preparing them for the choices they will be making in the future. We are currently looking for guest speakers for the 2023-2024 school year! Anyone interested in becoming a guest speaker for Future Fridays at Northwestern Middle School can contact Rachel Beun or Kelsey Donohoe at 419-846-3974. Reserve your Future Friday date now! We would love to have you!!!

SOPHOMORES: Taya Becerra, Isaac Beun, Harmony Blake, Kristanna Bradford, Karizma Brinker, Kyleighana Collins, Sara Corn, Gabriela Cubur, Kayla Cutter, Mateo Dague, Kowen Donahue, Morgan Ervin, Haylie Fisher, Mallory Gilbert, Ashton Good, Blake Good, Kaylie Gregory, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Will Hamey, Ella Hartsel, Ayden Hendricks, Danyel Hyatt, Kelli Kearney, Noah Lee, Madison Love, Colton Mark, Sydney McConahay, McKensie McCoy, Mason Meininger, Josiah Moats, Avery Mullet, Morgan Murphy, Kalyn Nelson, Gabriel Nicholson, Lucas Olson-Doll, Katherine Orosz, Emilie Ott, Gavin Palmer, Tyler Perry, Alexa Riffel, Logan Shriver, Elizabeth Siedlack,



**Mrs. Rachel Beun
Northwestern Middle
school Principal**

instruction and supports for all students. As we continue our focus on literacy, we will be incorporating new strategies into our classroom instruction. Our school has employed literacy coaches this school-year who will provide additional resources, supports, and guidance to all staff. In addition, students in grades 6-8 will have a new English Language Arts curriculum, which will help support continued and deeper work within the state standards. We will also continue our work in numeracy as our seventh and eighth grade teacher pilot new curriculum. As always, we also want to encourage parent and community involvement within the school.

As a way to combine our efforts with our PBIS team and our building leadership team, we will be forming a Climate and Conditions committee that will discuss our building's performance in various areas. This includes aspects of school safety, social-emotional and academic supports for students, and positive peer and staff relationships. The committee, which will be comprised of parents, students, and staff will review data regarding our school climate and conditions, with the hopes to provide ideas and solutions for growth and improvement. This committee will meet for the first time in August, with hopes to continue this work throughout the school-year.

Our district has also invested in additional school counseling staff this school year, which will benefit our students and school programming. Mrs. Kelsey Donohoe will now be full-time at the Middle School. In addition to her services, we will continue to offer

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social-emotional and mental health supports and services to students on-campus through our community mental health partners. If there are parents who are concerned for their students, please contact us so that we can discuss options with you about the best way to serve and support your child.

With the new school year, we are excited to welcome new staff members this fall to NMS, which are listed below. I hope our students and community will join in welcoming them to our building and Northwestern family.

- Erin Dostal, 8th grade Science and Zoology
- Andrew McCoy
- Julia Unaitis, 8th grade English Language Arts

We have also had some changes in personnel, with new job titles and/or the relocation of staff members. Below is a list of those changes.

- Kelsey Donohoe, School Counselor- Middle School only
- Shelly Ferrell, Literacy Coach
- Maria Hines, Computer and Technology
- Kristen Hudson, Literacy Coach
- Kim St Clair, 7th grade English Language Arts
- Scott St Clair, Physical Education for grades 6-8

Communication between home and school is very important when caring for our students. Please be sure to check your email addresses and contact information in Final Forms. The staff and I use the contact information from Final Forms to keep you informed through the year with emails and phone calls.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I welcome the opportunity to speak with parents, students, and community members. You can reach me by phone at 419-846-3974 (x 2319) or by email at nrws_beun@tccsa.net.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children! I look forward to a wonderful year at the middle school! Be sure to encourage your students to show their Husky PRIDE! This is OUR TOWN, OUR SCHOOL, and OUR FAMILY!

New Staff Spotlight

Erin Dostal is joining the 8th Grade Team as the Science Teacher. She comes to Northwestern with 13 years of experience teaching in public schools and has advised students as part of the Future Healthcare Professionals and Green Clubs. She will be using her Integrated Science license and degree in Biology to offer zoology as an elective this year. In her free time, she likes to distance run, explore art and the outdoors, and build LEGOs with her daughter and husband. She is looking forward to working on the grade level team to support students and families and hopes to help students discover new talents and strengthen current ones.



Ms. Julia Unaitis, Grade 8 English Language Arts Ms. Unaitis is delighted to be joining the staff at Northwestern Middle School. She is a graduate from the University of Akron and will be entering her third year of teaching. Originally from Medina Ohio, she began her career at Wadsworth Intermediate School as a Title I tutor and then proceeded her career at Norton Middle School. At Norton she held the position of an Intervention Specialist for the 6th grade, where she co-taught Math and English Language Arts classes. She looks forward to applying her knowledge and experience in special education to the general education classroom this year. In her free time, she enjoys hiking at her local park, cooking new recipes, reading novels, and practicing her golf swing



Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited for a new school year, hoping to make this year the best! I absolutely love our building theme this year- Our Town, Our School, Our Family- Husky PRIDE! Our hope is that this theme will help students celebrate Husky PRIDE, while giving them a sense of ownership and belonging in our awesome (school and greater) community. We want students to love and respect where they are from, while they also show great character as Northwestern students and athletes!

Our building Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) team is excited to continue our work in providing a safe and supportive school environment for all students. This year, students will each be assigned to a house. Each house, named after our PRIDE words, will be competing with one another for a house trophy at the end of the year. Each house will earn points based on positive behaviors and achievements. For example, students who earn honor or merit roll will earn points for their house. Students who are involved with clubs and sports will also earn points for their house. This system also assigns points for our existing PBIS incentives, such as Paw Prints, Incentive cards, and our PRIDE store! We are so excited to continue to celebrate positive behaviors with our students!

Academically, we will continue to work with our building and district leadership teams to provide the best



Mr. Douglas Hopkins
Northwestern

Elementary Principal
Believe it or not, this school year is here! We (Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Rowe) are so excited to have all the students back and ready to learn! We learned a lot and made great strides this past school year, and we are eager to continue to improve this year. This year our motto will be "Practice Makes Progress". We want our students to know that each day they are working to make progress in their studies, interactions, and within themselves. Our students will make mistakes, get questions wrong, or might not be great at something; however, we want our students to know that each day they get a chance to practice and make improvements in what they want to accomplish. It is stated, "Mistakes are the seeds from which trees of knowledge grow," and we are excited to grow as a building this year!

There is a lot to be excited about in our building this coming school year. As always, our staff is amazing in all that they do, and how passionate they are about the students. Each day they give their all to help students grow, and our staff shows true Husky pride. Also, this year, we are working hard to improve our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports). We will continue to have our weekly Brag tags, and acknowledge our students that are working hard, and going above and beyond to be a role model. This year we are also doing monthly character traits. Students will be presented with this character trait,



Mr. Rowe
Northwestern
Elementary Vice Principal

and each month we will be looking for students that have exemplified this trait to represent as their classes student of the month. This will allow us the chance to teach our students these traits and life skills to help them improve emotionally and socially. We want our students to not just feel like they have to come to school, but to be excited and feel welcome to come to Northwestern Elementary.

We are also making a slight change to our weekly email to parents. This year you will be receiving an email called The Husky WAG (Week At a Glance) and will have our weekly information on it that we will need to convey as well as being a little more organized. We hope this will help to continue to build our communication among the community and help all parents to be aware of what is going on here at Northwestern Elementary.

We do have a few updates/reminders for this upcoming school year:
Lunch Costs Student Breakfast - \$1.75
Student Reduced Breakfast - \$.30
Student Lunch - \$3.00
Student Reduced Lunch - \$.40
Milk - \$.50
Link to apply for free reduced lunches: <https://payschoolscentral.com>
Your child's student id number is in Final Forms. If you qualify for free/reduced lunches, it helps to waive or reduce your school fees. The income amounts

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to qualify may surprise you so, please apply. When setting up an account you can also add lunch money, pay school fees, pay Before and After School Program fees, and of course, apply for free/reduced lunches. Lunch money can be added to your child's lunch account when you come for open house. Please make checks payable to Northwestern Elementary Cafeteria.

Final Forms
Please make sure your Final Forms documents are up-to-date. The transportation form on Final Forms will have your bussing information from your bus driver as far as driver name, pick up times, and drop off times, point of safety. This is a work in progress until right before school starts, so please check your Final Forms a few times for any bussing adjustments due to times. New students are added and then times need to change. You will receive an email from Final Forms notifying you that something has been added for transportation.

Link to Final Forms: <http://northwestern-wayne-oh.finalforms.com>

Student Fees
Kindergarten - 5th Grade: \$50.00 Fees can be paid the night of open house. Stop in the office. Checks can be made payable to Northwestern Elementary.

Open houses
August 14th: 5:00 PM
Stem Preschool - 4/5 AM Class
5:45 PM Stem Preschool - 3/4 PM Class
6:30 PM Kindergarten Orientation
August 16th 1st Grade - 5:15 pm
2nd Grade - 5:00 pm
3rd Grade - 6:00 pm

4th Grade - 4:30 pm
5th Grade - 5:30 pm
On August 16, you are welcome to come any time during the Open House 4:30 to 7 pm, however for parking purposes we set out these dedicated times for the respective grades. However, 5th graders will start their meeting promptly at 5:30 pm. August 24th: 5:00 PM Tri-County Preschool First Day of School Kindergarten has a staggered start. You should have received an email from your child's teacher listing your child's first day. Your child will only attend one school day that week. If your child was screened for kindergarten their next day of school will be Tuesday, August 29th. If your child needs to be screened they will attend their Staggered Start day and then we will have them scheduled for an appointment to be screened on August 28th. They will be brought to school by a parent/family member and will go home after screening. Stem Preschool, 1st - 5th Grade: August 22nd September - Important Dates
9/4 Labor Day - No School
9/11 Fair Day - No School
9/12 Professional Development - No School
We are grateful to be the principals of this building and to such amazing staff, students, and to be involved with such a great community. We cannot wait to see what this year brings, and all the memories that will be made. This will be a new year to make new friends, learn new things, and to learn what it means to have husky pride. Northwestern Elementary is a one-of-a-kind school, and we cannot wait to have your students a part of our community. Go Huskies!

Staff Spotlight: Kelsey Donohoe



For the past two years, Mrs. Donohoe has been an integral part of our educational ecosystem, fostering a nurturing environment for our students and empowering them to reach their full potential. Her dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of our children have left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of students, staff, and parents alike. Mrs. Donohoe's warm and compassionate nature has provided a safe space for our students, allowing them to express their feelings, seek guidance, and navigate the various challenges they face. She has been a beacon of support, offering counseling services that address emotional, social, and academic needs, ensuring that no student feels alone or neglected. Mrs. Donohoe's impact on our school community extends far beyond her interactions with students. She has built with the help of Mrs. Wyles our Husky buddy program. Where elementary students were paired with a high school mentor. She has also been a trusted confidante and a source of guidance for parents and staff members. Her ability to build strong relationships, foster open communication, and offer unwavering support has been truly remarkable. Mrs. Donohoe has been an unwavering pillar of strength for our entire community. Please join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Donohoe as we bid her farewell and wish her success and happiness in her new journey as Northwestern Middle School Counselor. Together, let us celebrate her unwavering dedication and the positive impact she has made on our community.

READING UNDER THE LIGHTS

In conjunction with the United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties and the West Salem branch of the Wayne County Public Library, Northwestern Elementary School hosted its second annual Reading Under the Lights on the evening of Tuesday, May 23rd. The summer reading kick-off event brought over 650 people to Husky Stadium, far surpassing last year's attendance and once again making it the most well-attended RUL event that the United Way helped to host. Families enjoyed a free dinner provided by Certified Angus Beef, Frito Lay, Buehler's Fresh Foods, Goodwill Industries of Wayne & Holmes Counties, the West Salem IGA, Arlene Wester, and Pop's Kountry Kettle Korn. All students in attendance were able to take home five free books, purchased in large part by a very generous donation from an anonymous benefactor along with do

nations from the Northwestern Ruritan Club, the Romich Foundation, The J.M. Smucker Company, Brad Gerber, Wayne County Children's Resource Fund, Wooster Elks, Xcess Limited, Eichel's Christmas Tree Farm, Lodi Lumber, Pertee Monuments, Wayne Savings Community Bank, and Burbank Beauty Salon. Families enjoyed a community read-aloud of Adam Rubin's book, *Dragons Love Tacos*, led by former Northwestern middle school teacher and current Northwestern school board member and Ruritan Club treasurer, Mr. Chuck Beck. Those in attendance could also enjoy read-alouds from various community members and organizations: The New Pittsburg Fire Department; The Wayne County Sheriff's Department; Caring Therapy Canines; the West Salem Public Library; engineers, James & Julie Pooler; local author and opera singer, Jeff Terwilliger; former North

western teacher, Sharon Martin; and several Northwestern FFA volunteers. A story walk, provided by the Wayne County Public Library, was available for families to peruse. In addition, students got a chance to tour one of the New Pittsburg Fire Department's trucks and Deputy Ecker's police cruiser as well as visit a petting zoo, provided by the Northwestern FFA. The night was not without several photo opportunities whether it be with the Husky mascot or with the taco and dragon from our One Community, One Book. It was incredibly awesome to see so many NES families enjoying a night focused on literacy. The district appreciates the many donors, volunteers, and attendees that made the evening a success and most importantly put books in the hands of our students to enjoy over the summer! Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Reading Under the Lights set for Tuesday, May 28!



New Staff Spotlight

Name: Alexis Dawson
Family: Blessed with 2 wonderful parents and the oldest of 4 siblings.
Pets: An adorable black cat named Luna
High School Graduated from: Hillsdale High School
College Graduated From: I received my Bachelor's Degree from Hiram College and my Master's Degree from Malone University
Hobbies: Reading, being outdoors, going to concerts, being around friends
Recently Read Books: Where the Crawdads Sing
Favorite Movie: Legally Blonde
Favorite Restaurant: Barrio Tacos
Favorite Sports Team: College: Michigan
Pro: Cleveland
The best thing about Northwestern is... how welcoming everyone has been and how much I have noticed they care for their students as people and not just a grade/test score.
Who inspired me to choose this career path: I always knew I wanted to be in a helping profession and my parents were and are my biggest support along the way.
Few people know that I ... do not know how to whistle
My greatest hero is.. my cousin Damon
My greatest accomplishment is.. getting my Master's Degree
My greatest phobia is.. heights
My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture: "Life is tough my darling, but so are you." -Stephanie Benett-Henry
Words of Wisdom: Dream more, learn more, care more, become more.



Name: Lynda Moats
Family: Husband: Perry, Children: Logan (33) Lacey (31) Jessica (22) Josiah (16)
Pets: Cats: Suga, Mochi, Stranson Dog: Hobi
High School Graduated from: Medina High School
Hobbies: Spending time with family, Back porch cook outs, swimming and doing puzzles in the winter.
Recently Read Books: John Sanford
Favorite Movie: Bridesmaids
Favorite Restaurant: The Salty Dog, Florida
Favorite Sports Team: College: OSU Professional: Browns
The best thing about Northwestern is... That my daughter, son, and granddaughter are all there with me.
Who inspired me to choose this career path: My daughter, Lacey.
Few people know that I.. I am obsessed with animals
My greatest hero is.. Be your own hero!
My greatest accomplishment is.. raising 4 wonderful human beings that are actually good people.
My greatest phobia is.. heights
My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture: "Worrying is using your imagination to create something you don't want" Ester Hicks
Words of Wisdom: Trust your gut.
Name: Danielle Bowling
Family: Husband- Braden
High School Graduated from: Ashland
College Graduated From: OSU
Hobbies: physical activity (yoga, lifting weights, hiking, peaceful walks)
Recently Read Books: Colleen Hoover books
Favorite show- Grey's Anatomy
Favorite Restaurant: Olive Garden
Favorite Sports Team: College: OSU Professional: Cleveland Browns
The best thing about Northwestern is... In this short time meeting colleagues here, everyone has been so welcoming and kind
Who inspired me to choose this career path: My high school teacher- Barry Fortune
Few people know that I.. am an auntie to 5 of the best little humans
My greatest hero is.. my dad
My greatest accomplishment is.. graduating from college
My greatest phobia is.. spiders
My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture: "Never ruin a good day by thinking about a bad yesterday."
Words of Wisdom: always look at both sides of any situation

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Hammer Time Livestock Clinic

On May 20th Northwestern FFA hosted Hammer Time Livestock Clinic. The clinic was held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. There were over 100 people who attended to learn about a variety of animals and how to work with them. The presenters shared their personal experiences and how to manage their animals. The presenters and their species were Sarah Zimmerly presenting rabbits, Hannah Becker presenting poultry, Paige Maibach presenting market and Pygmy goats, Megan Palker presenting dairy goats, Seth Wasilewski presenting sheep, Mackenzie Dore presenting hogs, Katherine Lefever presenting horses, Sherry Smith Presenting Dairy, and Lou Ellen Harr presenting Beef. Quality assurance was presented to the group who attended the clinic, and members were certified after the course. Thank you to Weaver Leather, Johns Garage, Farmer State Bank, and Certified Angus beef for their Platinum rated donations. Thank you to Wharton Excavating, Vaughan Insurance, Sterling Farm Equipment, Commodity Blenders, and The Commercial and Savings Bank for their Gold rated donations. Thank you to W.G. Dairy Supply, Wellington Implement, Tri-county Animal Clinic, Tegtmeier Club Lambs, New Pittsburg Large Animal Clinic, Madco Market, Lowe and Young, Hot Rod Trailer and Accessories, Hillside Feed Hay and Supply, Fin Feather Fur Outfitters, Badger ShowPigs, and Next Level Show Goats for their Silver and Bronze rated donations. We could not have hosted this event without your generous support.



Reading Under The Lights

On May 23rd Northwestern FFA helped with the Reading Under The Lights event from 6-8pm. This event was open to everyone in the school district. Students were able to read a book under the lights on the football field. The FFA chapter was asked to bring animals for a small petting zoo. The animals that were brought were horses, goats, calf, sheep, and bunnies. The students were able to see the animals as they entered and exited the stadium. The students were able to pick out a book and follow along to the reading of Dragon's Love Tacos. This was a great event to wrap up the end of the school year!



Ag in the Classroom Petting Zoo and Tractor Day

On May 12th, Northwestern FFA held Drive Your Tractor to School Day and a petting zoo for the first grade students. Students were able to drive a tractor to school to promote agriculture. At the end of the school day the students who drove their tractor to school were able to participate in a tractor parade for the first graders. After the parade the children were able to move through different stations to pet animals. The stations consisted of horses, pigs, calf, sheep, goats, bunnies, and the reading of the book Click Clack Moo. Throughout the year, the children learned about plant cycles, plant growth, animal habitats, and animal health. The children were able to pet and ask questions about animals. The chapter loved working and educating the younger generations about agriculture.



Northwestern FFA Attends Smithville County Game Night

On May 15th Northwestern FFA attended Smithville FFA's County Game Night. The evening consisted of many different activities for all students to participate in. There was Kickball, cornhole, and 9 square. The students were able to mingle with friends from other chapters and make new friends. Smithville FFA also provided hotdogs and burgers for the game night. The members who attended were Makenna Connelly, Emma Connelly, Evan Cuthrell, Kade Tegtmeier, Kaleb Badger, Kaylee Cherry, and Kirsten Boreman. Thank you to Smithville FFA for hosting a fun evening!



FFA

Ohio FFA State Convention

Northwestern Wayne FFA attended the 95th Ohio FFA convention. To start off the three day trip the students traveled to Weaver Leather for a tour. Throughout the tour the students were able to see all of the equipment used to make the products that Weaver sells. There were many different types of animal hides and skins. The students also got to see the machinery behind the leather cutting and sewing on the products. The next stop was a tour of the Kalmbach Feed Plant. This tour consisted of learning the history of the feed plant, some of the feeds that they make and distribute, and the importance of storage and safety of the feed. During the tour students were able to learn how feed pellets are made, packaged, and scanned for metal before being shipped off. After the tours, the group checked into the hotel, and then headed for dinner at Daruma for a fun evening dinner. Once everyone was finished with dinner, the students went to Scene 75 for an evening filled with arcade games, rides, and go carts.

Day two of the Ohio FFA Convention, Jacoby Gilbert, Haley Caldwell, and Kaleb Badger all qualified for the State Proficiency Award. They had displayed their board of their SAE project that morning and awaited results later that afternoon. The Career Show and Expo was also a great time for students to walk around and look at the variety of shopping vendors. The first session recognized teachers and administration, Chapter Trust Awards, FFA Charitable Giving recognition, FFA Foundation Scholarships, RISE FFA Program, and recognition of new FFA chapters. After those awards, Lasada

Pippen spoke about becoming Better and not Bitter. He demonstrated in various ways how to become better about viewing the positive in tough situations. Lasada definitely portrayed an important message and impacted many of FFA members. Once Lasada Pippen encouraged everyone with a positive message, the announcement of the 2023-2024 Officer Ballot was made. The second session began with the recognition of Chapter awards for Ohio FFA Gold Medal Chapters, top 10 growing leaders chapters, top 10 building communities chapters, top 10 strengthening agriculture chapters, and top 10 chapters. After the awards were presented keynote speaker Zoe Kent spoke to the audience about her success as a Tik Tok star. She explained how she runs her family farm, and also makes videos that are family friendly to educate people on agriculture. Zoe shared her thoughts on becoming a famous Tik Toker as well. Social media has positive and negative effects on the world. Zoe explained some of the challenges social media has brought her along with some of the success she has had. Following Zoe's speech the Proficiency awards were awarded to Jacoby Gilbert and Haley Caldwell. Jacoby Gilbert placed second in the state for Dairy Production. Haley Caldwell placed fourth in the state for Beef Production. The third session started off with the Honorary State FFA Degree recognition, Natural Winners recognition, State American FFA Degree recognition, Star State FFA Degree registration, and Proficiency Award recognition. Kaleb Badger was recognized for placing third in the state

for Swine Production. The keynote speaker for session three was Kyle Scheele. Kyle explained the challenges he had growing up as a child, and how he was able to overcome them. He explained the importance of kindness, and how one action can make someone's day or even their life. The 4th session of the Ohio Convention awarded the Officers for their gold rated books. Mallory Gilbert was awarded the gold rated Secretary's pin, Kade Tegtmeier was awarded the gold rated Treasurer's pin, and Taylor Wurst was awarded the gold rated Reporter's pin. After the Officer's awards, National FFA officer Ryan Williamson Region Vice President at Large gave a message about living life to the fullest. He was involved in raising rabbits for his supervised agricultural experience. He did not enjoy this at first, but then realized that it was teaching him a lesson. Ryan encouraged many in the room and made a difference in ways everyone can view the world. Next was the State CDE recognition, the Agriscience Fair recognition, and the Ohio FFA Officers' parent recognition. The chapter traveled to the North Market for lunch. After lunch the session opened one last time starting with the band and chorus, followed by Aubrey Shwartz retiring address, the announcement of the 2023-2024 Ohio FFA Officer announcement, and the conferring of the State FFA Degree. Kaleb Badger, Kirsten Boreman, Haley Caldwell, Jacoby Gilbert, Kade Tegtmeier, and Lauran Vaughan all received their State FFA Degree, congratulations. The last event of the 95th Ohio FFA Convention was the officer installation followed by the closing ceremony.

That concludes the Ohio FFA Convention. The students who attended the convention were Hanna Wilson, Kirsten Boreman, Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Chet McNeil, Kade Tegtmeier, Jacoby Gilbert, Kaleb Badger, Jack Morris, Mallory Gilbert, Chloe Ctarcher, Cheyenne Friend, Neveah Kirk, Kate Johnson, Brooke Hershey, Victoria Aicone, Evan Cuthrell, Alivia Welch, Mel Imhoff, Mary Weller, and Lauran Vaughan.



State Dairy Cattle Judging and Dairy Handlers

On March 30th members of the Northwestern Wayne FFA chapter participated in the State Dairy Cattle Judging CDE. Throughout this contest, the students developed skills in dairy cattle selection as well as herd

management. The participants are to judge to the best of their ability the cattle's physical characteristics. Each individual's score contributes to the overall score of the team. As individuals they students have to take an exam over general knowledge, and evaluate six dairy animal classes. This CDE is a great way for students to gain more knowledge in the dairy industry of the following categories: biosecurity, animal welfare, business management, and environmental management for animal safety. The students who participated in the state competition this year were Jacoby Gilbert, Kaylee Cherry, Chet McNeil, Kade Tegtmeier, and Jake Howman. Individually Jacoby Gilbert placed 15th, and for middle school division Jake Howman placed 3rd. Congratulations to these members! The Dairy Cattle Judging team qualified for state. The state contest was held on April 28th. These members were asked to judge three classes of Jerseys and provide a set of oral reasons for why each animal was placed in that order. The contest consists of a team activity of bull identification, milk production numbers, and herd management. Jacoby Gilbert placed 11th in the state. Overall the team placed 7th in the state. Kirsten Boreman participated in the Dairy Cattle Handlers CDE on March 30th as well. This CDE is designed to show the ability of the handler to maintain and show the animal. Kirsten did an excellent job demonstrating the requirements of this CDE and placed 4th. Kirsten will be competing at the Big E this fall. Congratulations to our Dairy Cattle Judging and Dairy Handlers participants.

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Northwestern Banquet 2023

Northwestern Wayne FFA hosted its annual Banquet on April 29th for the members of the chapter, and members of the community. The chapter's annual Banquet is the largest event of the year where each member receives recognition for their involvement throughout the school year. The Banquet also consisted of a silent auction to raise money for Washington Leadership Conference, and FFA Camp. Local businesses donated small gifts such as gift cards, t-shirts, spices, and blankets for the auction.

Hanna Wilson opened the meeting and Kirsten Boreman started off by recognizing some of our community members, school staff, alumni, and others. It takes a whole community to support our FFA chapter and we are very thankful for every community member. The seniors were then recognized; the chapter consists of twelve seniors. The seniors recognized were Brooklyn Buzzard, Daughter of Mike and Angie Buzzard, Harper Flores, Daughter of Amanda and Bob Flores, Audrey Franks, Daughter of Donny and Cathie Franks, Kristan George, Daughter of Charles and Martha George, Melanie Imhoff, Daughter of Bruce and Jamie Imhoff, Keegan Johns, Son of Julie Johns, Grace Noble, Daughter of Larry and Misty Noble, Ava O'Loughlin, Daughter of Jessica O'Loughlin and Bill O'Loughlin, Ava Stoller, Daughter of Cody and Kara Stoller, Lauren Vaughan, Daughter of Tim and Tara Vaughan, Mary Wellert, Daughter of Craig and Carrie Wellert, and Hanna Wilson, Daughter of Brett and Janel Wilson. We wish the seniors the best of luck as they continue their career path after graduation!

The chapter also consists of sixteen juniors that were

recognized. The juniors recognized were Kaleb Badger, Son of Jerry and Staci Badger, Kirsten Boreman, Daughter of Mike and Terri Boreman, Kara Burgan, Daughter of Brian and Jodi Burgan, Haley Caldwell, Daughter of John and Jessica Gerspacher, Alberto Collado, Son of Alberto and Jessica Collado, Caleb Frontz, Son of Craig and Sarah Steele, Logan Garmen, Son of Scott and Georgia Garmen, Jacoby Gilbert, Son of Steve and Debbie Gilbert, Ellie Hanshaw, Daughter of Rick and Julia Hanshaw, Briana Lance, Daughter of Robert and Chesnie DeLong, Ella Saal, Daughter of Mark and Carolyn Saal, Caydence Scale, Daughter of Doug and Stacie Markley, Kade Tegtmeier, Son of Randy and Heather Tegtmeier, Easton Thomas, Son of Greg and Kara Thomas, Carrissa Whisman, Daughter of Vincent and Angela Whisman, and Preston Wilcox, Son of Benjamin and Annette Wilcox. Our chapter has twenty five sophomores. The sophomores recognized were Christian Aguilar, Son, of Victoria Knepp, Keira Beard, Daughter of Edward and Angelina Beard, Jonathan Burgess, Son of Charles Burgess Jr. and Pamela Burgess, Kayla Cutter, Daughter of CJ and Beth Cutter, Natalie Dobbins, Daughter of Charles Dobbins and Toni Lucas, Morgan Ervin, Daughter of Scott Ervin and Amber Cornelius, Braiden Franks, Son of Nick and Carrie Franks, Jamison Gilbert, Son of Steve and Debbie Gilbert, Mallory Gilbert, Daughter of Jason and Jennifer Gilbert, Caeden Graham, Son of Garret and Jessica Graham, Kaylie Gregory, Daughter of Danny and Brittany Gregory, Shaun Jackin, Son of Jillian Shreves, Andi Jackson, Daughter of

Andrew and Shannon Gavel, Jesse Kimble, Son of Timothy and Jazmin Kimble, Colton Mark, Son of Chris and Heather Mark, Austin Mooney, Son of Ryan and Jessica Mooney, Mason Myers, Son of Kimberly Clay, Alexa Riffel, Daughter of Joey Riffel and Rilee Warner, Logan Shriver, Son of Mark and Carolyn Shriver, Miranda Smith, Daughter of Jason and Jennifer Smith, Chloe Starcher, Daughter of Julie Davis and Jason Starcher, Alysa Troyan, Daughter of Shawn and Estelle Troyan, Kelsey Walkuski, Daughter of Mindy Spohn, and Taylor Wurst, Daughter of Mike and Sherrie Wurst. There are currently twenty eight freshmen enrolled in the chapter. The freshman recognized were Trenton Becerra, Son of Tasha Becerra, Mallory Bloom, Daughter of Tab and Erica Bloom, Claire Bucholz, Daughter of John and Jennifer Bucholz, Adelyne Cassidy, Daughter of Brian and Jackie Cassidy, Corbin Chanay, Son of Greg Chanay and Michelle Ramseyer, Kaylee Cherry, Daughter of Brent Cherry and Ruth Ann Keener, Addy Connelly, Daughter of Kirk and Stephanie Connelly, Emma Connelly, Daughter of Kirk and Stephanie Connelly, Evan Cuthrell, Son of April Wilhelm, Logan Fiala, Son of Brent and Allison Fiala, Cheyenne Friend, Daughter of Tonya Friend and Billy Evans, Kace Hixon, Son of Mike and Bonnie Hixson, Cameron Howell, Son of Ben and Angie Howell, Kate Johnson, Daughter of Josh and Diane Johnson, Nevaeh Kirk, Daughter of James Kirk and Jessica Smail, Brayden Knapp, Son of Bronson and Tiffany Knapp,

Taylor Leidigh, Daughter of Andrew and Brooke Leidigh, Evan Mckay, Son of Mike and Heather Mckay, Chet McNeil, Son of Jerry and Ann McNeil, Gabriella Riedel, Daughter of Aaron and Sarah Riedel, Collin Rouse, Son of Megan Boreman, Olivia Scarbrough, Daughter of Byron and Christa Scarbrough, Audrina Smith, Daughter of David and Tiffany Smith, Kelsee Smith, Daughter of Keith Smith and Tiffany Cherry, Ravenna Stiegemeyer, Daughter of Mark and Danielle Stiegemeyer, Alaric Trimble, Son of Andrew and Lacey Beery and Crayton Trimble, and Garrett Way, Son of Carl and Sarah Way, Middle schoolers are involved in the chapter as well the middle schoolers recognized were Victoria Aicone, Daughter of Anthony and Samantha Aicone, Lillian Boreman, Daughter of Mike and Terri Boreman, Elaina Donnelly, Daughter of John and Tiffany Donnelly, Tristan Flinn, Son of Faron and Amanda Flinn, Madison Frazier, Daughter of Aaron and Jamie Frazier, Chase Graham, Son of Garrett and Jessica Graham, Riley Graham, Son of Garrett and Jessica Graham, Brooke Hershey, Daughter of Trent and Andi Hershey, Jake Howman, Son of Sara Howman and the late Mike Howman, Lucas Jenkins, Son of Ryan and Elizabeth Jenkins, Noah Kolp, Son of Kirk and Natalie Kolp, Cara McKay, Daughter of Mike and Heather McKay, Haley McLaughlin, Daughter of Darbey and Sarah McLaughlin, Arian Means, Daughter of Jimmy and Brandi Means, Lucas Mooney, Son of Jessica and Ryan Mooney, Jackson Morris, Son of Joe and Mallorely Morris, Keith Pierson, Son of Craig Pierson and Crystal Langenkamp,

Mckenna Ramsier, Daughter of Larry and Heather Ramsier, Rylie Ramsier, Son of Michael and Hillerie Ramsier, Ian Sklenicka, Son of Tom and Jamie Sklenicka, Bricen Snow, Son of Tim and Megan Snow, Taryn Stoller, Daughter of Cody and Kara Stoller, Alivia Welch, Daughter of Aaron and Brenda Welch, Allie Wellert, Daughter of Kevin and Stacy Wellert, Audrey Wilcox, Daughter of Benjamin and Annette Wilcox, and Luke Wilkinson, Son of Seth and Denise Wilkinson. Our chapter has been very fortunate to have so many talented students who have participated in Career Development Events and represented our school. This year we recognized the students who participated in CDEs this year. The students who participated where Victoria Aicone, Kaleb Badger, Kirsten Boreman, Lillian Boreman, Haley Caldwell, Addie Cassidy, Kaylee Cherry, Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Evan Cuthrell, Kayla Cutter, Cheyanne Friend, Logan Garman, Jacoby Gilbert, Jamison Gilbert, Mallorely Gilbert, Jake Howman, Melanie Imhoff, Andi Jackson, Kate Johnson, Nevaeh Kirk, Taylor Leidigh, Evan Mckay, Chet McNeil, Jack Morris, Grace Noble, Rylie Ramsier, Gabriella Riedel, Chloe Starcher, Ava Stoller, Taryn Stoller, Kade Tegtmeier, Alivia Welch, Allie Wellert, Mary Wellert, Preston Wilcox, Hanna Wilson, and Taylor Wurst. To support the chapter, each year, we have multiple fundraisers. The top salesmen for the fruit fundraiser were Emma Connelly, Addy Connelly and Makenna Connelly selling \$1,140 worth of product. The top Sausage salesman was Kirsten Boreman

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sold fifty three bags resulting in 265 pounds of sausage. Hanna Wilson and Neveah Kirk were runners up tied to 41 bags which is 205 pounds of sausage. The top selling strawberry salesperson was Kirsten Boreman selling 39 total flats. Marry Wellert was runner-up selling 31 flats. The next set of awards were the proficiency awards. These awards are centered around each member's Supervised Agricultural Experience project and their participation within the chapter. The Star Beef Production winner is Haley Caldwell. Haley raises beef steers and beef carcass steers for the fair. Over the years Haley has grown her responsibilities of preparing her steers for the fair, working and walking them, and feeding them into an everyday passion. Hayley also placed top four in the state. Congratulations Haley on your hard work. The Community service award was handed out next. The winner of this award was Hanna Wilson. Hanna has worked 202 hours of community service. Kirsetn Boreman was the runner-up with 30 hours of community service. Hanna and Kirsten have both put in countless hours doing community service for our chapter such as working the truck and tractor pull, helping with recycling at the Wayne County Fair, and much more. Our star Dairy Placement Award was handed out to Ella Saal. Ella works for Sterling Heights Dairy Farm and Saal Sisters Dairy. She has equipped 264 hours of work with expanding their small herd of Holstein heifers. Ella has learned how to care for a herd as well as record keeping and making decisions about herd management. Congratulations Ella!

The winner of the Star Dairy Production award is Jacoby Gilbert. Jacoby has worked over 1,000 hours on his farm and has learned many valuable skills. Throughout his SAE he has raised and bred five heifers. Jacoby also placed first in the district for his Proficiency Project and is top four State Proficiency Finalist. Hanna Wilson and Kirsten Boreman are runner-ups for this award. The winner of the Star Job Placement is Mallory Gilbert. Mallory has worked at County Line Produce Auction, where she has worked over 180 hours this past season. She has learned skills such as how an auction is run, various information on selling produce, and customer service skills. Great Job on your accomplishments. The Star Sheep Production Award was awarded next. The winner is Kade Tegmeier. Kade has a flock of 8 mature ewes and ended up lambing a total of 16 lambs. This includes feeding, watering, shearing, trimming hooves, lambing, giving shots, ear tagging, and banding. Kade placed 1st in his district for this Proficiency and received a Bronze rating at the state level. The next award is the Star Swine Production Entrepreneurship Award, and our winner was Kaleb Badger. Kaleb currently has 7 sows that he farrows. Kaleb breeds his sows in the fall, keeps one for show, and sells the rest to 4-H members. The Runner-up is Kate Johnson. Kate raises and trains two market hogs that she shows at the fair. Great work to you both! Star Equine Entrepreneurship is the next award of the night. Taylor Wurst is the winner of this award. Taylor owns six horses, two of which she uses as her SAE project. She attends shows throughout

the summer which consist of halter, showmanship, riding, and driving. The runner-up is Kate Johnson. Kate owns three horses, one of which she uses for her SAE project. She has participated in Mountain Shooting as well as trail riding. Star Goat Entrepreneurship is the next award. Addy Connelly is the winner of this award. She shows a market and pygmy goat at the fair each year where she has seen success in the show ring. She cares for her goats by feeding, watering, bathing, trimming, and walking them everyday. Congratulations Addy, on all your hard work! The Next Award was the Ag Sales Proficiency Award. Hanna Wilson was the winner of this award. Hanna worked a total of 942.5 hours. Hanna is currently employed at Lerchs Donuts and has been since 2020. She does various tasks such as frying and sugaring donuts, helping customers, shaking lemonade, cleaning the trailers, and much more. Hanna plans to continue to work for Lerchs to move up in the company. Hanna won first in the district with her proficiency and honorable mention at the state level. Congratulations Hanna on all of your hard work! Each year members from each class are chosen as the Star Degree recipient. These people have been the most active in our chapter and have stood out as true leaders and dedicated members. These individuals must have a strong Supervised Agricultural Experience project and demonstrate respect and responsibility for themselves and those around them. This year we have four winners for the Star Freshman Award. They were Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Makenna Connelly, and Kate Johnson. These four girls are all currently enrolled in

Ag Communication and Leadership and Greenhouse classes. Makenna is also currently enrolled in the Animal Science class. Addy, Emma, and Makenna Connelly are involved in parliamentary procedure, soil judging, floriculture, food science, livestock judging, and attend all community service opportunities. Emma also competed in the Job Interview CDE. Kate Johnson is involved in parliamentary procedure, floriculture, soil judging, equine judging, and also participates in community service events frequently. These girls are all also serving as assistant officers currently on the 2022-2023 officer team. This year the Star Sophomore Award recipients were Mallory Gilbert and Taylor Wurst. Mallory is currently enrolled in Ag Communication and Leadership, Greenhouse, and Animal Science classes. She is currently serving as secretary on the 2022-2023 officer team. Mallory participated in the Food Science, Advanced Parliamentary Procedure, Dairy Foods, and Floriculture CDE. In addition to all of these activities, Mallory makes time to volunteer for numerous community service activities that the chapter participates in. Taylor is currently enrolled in Ag Communication and Leadership, Greenhouse and Animal Science classes. She is also currently serving as the Reporter on the 2022-2023 officer team. Taylor has participated in ag sales, equine judging, and serves on the Ag In the Classroom committee. In addition to all of these activities, Taylor makes time to volunteer for numerous community service activities that the chapter participates in. The Star Junior Award recipient was Kirsten Boreman.

Kirsten is currently enrolled in the Ag Communication and Leadership class and Greenhouse Management class. She is currently serving as the 2022-2023 Vice President. Kirsten's SAE consists of Dairy Production Entrepreneurship where she works with her dairy animals and shows them at fairs. Kirsten has participated in CDE's this year which include Rural Soils, Food Science, Job Interview, Advanced Parliamentary Procedure, Dairy Handlers, and Floriculture. Kirsten is very involved within her chapter. She has also been a part of several Community service activities. The Star DeKalb award is given each year to an outstanding senior. This senior is heavily involved with the chapter and its activities and has qualified SAE plans. This award went to Hanna Wilson, who was serving as the chapter president. Hanna has been involved with nearly every aspect of the chapter this year and has participated in events such as meetings, fundraisers, state and national conventions. She has been an officer for three years and exceeded expectations, winning STAR member for her grade level each year.

The Scholarship award is awarded to members each year who have received all A's for the first three quarters of the year. Members who received the Scholarship Award were, Victoria Aicone, Kaleb Badger, Kirsten Boreman, Claire Buchholz, Kara Burgan, Brooklyn Buzzard, Corbin Chaney, Kaylee Cherry, Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Kayla Cutter, Morgan Ervin, Harper Flores, Madison Frazier, Audrey Franks, Cheyenne Friend, Logan Garman, Kristan George, Mallory Gilbert, Caeden

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the leadership award. Our 2022-2023 officer team was announced at the banquet. Kade Tegtmeyer will serve as President, Kirsten Boreman will serve as Vice President, Makenna Connelly will serve as Secretary, Emma Connelly and Taylor Wurst will share the responsibilities of Reporter. Addy Connelly will serve as Treasurer, Mallory Gilbert will serve as Sentinel, Kaleb Badger will serve as the Student Advisor, and the Assistant Members are Brooke Hershey, Jacoby Gilbert, Kate Johnson, Jack Morris, and Chet McNeil. Thank you to these members for their hard work and dedication towards our Chapter! Refreshments and display of officer books were available for all guests and members. Thank you to Pop's popcorn for donating popcorn, and to Lerch's Donuts for donating donuts



Gifted Identification of Current 3rd and 5th Graders by C. Sykes

In the late spring of 2023, both current 3rd Graders and 5th Graders completed whole grade screeners for testing areas in Gifted for Cognitive Reasoning Abilities, Math Achievement and Reading Achievement. The chart below shows the whole grade screeners administered along with cut off scores for identification of gifted students.

(Grade Screener Type Identification Score for Gifted Creative Abilities Identification Score for Gifted)

2nd (2022-2023) CogAT 112 If students scored 112 or higher the Renzulli Scale of Creative Abilities will be completed by their previous teacher. If their score is fifty-one or above, they will qualify as a Gifted Student Under Creative Abilities. 128 Gifted Superior Cognitive If students scored 128 or higher the Renzulli Scale of Creative Abilities will be completed by their previous teacher. If their score is fifty-one or above, they will qualify as a Gifted as well in Creative Abilities.

2nd (2022-2023) Terra Nova 3rd Ed. Complete Battery Math N/A 95th Percentile or higher Gifted in Math

2nd (2022-2023) Terra Nova 3rd Ed. Complete Battery Reading N/A 95th Percentile or higher Gifted in Reading

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4th (2022-2023) Terra Nova 3rd Ed. Complete Battery Reading N/A Percentile or higher Gifted in Reading

Within the first few weeks of school a letter will be sent home by each classroom teacher, to current 3rd and 5th grade students with the results of whole grade screeners from Spring of 2023. In Ohio, a student

continues to be identified by gifted operating standards, as gifted for the duration of their K-12 career, regardless of future testing or performance.



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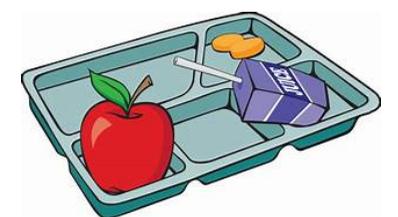
State of Ohio Budget Includes Reduced-Price Meal Funding

The Ohio Department of Education is thrilled to announce the State of Ohio FY24-FY25 biennial budget includes funding to cover the cost of providing no-cost breakfast and no-cost lunch to students qualifying for reduced-price meals. Starting in school year 2023-2024, the budget language requires public and chartered nonpublic schools that participate in the National School Breakfast or Lunch Program to provide a breakfast or lunch at no cost to each student eligible for a reduced-price breakfast or lunch.

Schools will continue to certify students for free or reduced meals and count and claim meals as free, reduced or paid. Schools simply will not collect money from reduced-price eligible students starting in the school year 2023-2024. The Department will share additional updates as the process for reimbursing schools for the reduced-price breakfasts and lunches served is finalized.

Please go to you PaySchools account to see if you qualify for reduced priced meals

For information on how to log in to Payschools and prices of meals go to the Northwestern Website and click on the Food Service/Cafeteria link





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Northwestern: Leading Innovation in Education Want Innovation?

Northwestern has been one of a few select “Future Ready School Districts” since 2017!

Northwestern is involved with a multi-year Literacy Initiative with the support of a \$200,000 Grant. We have purchased new Literacy Curriculum, have Literacy Coaches in each building to increase our consistency and research-based efforts in all content areas! We are also providing additional professional development in the area of Literacy. Northwestern Middle School and Northwestern High School were two of the original 16 school buildings earning the Battelle STEM Learning Network/Ohio Dept. of Education STEM designation in 2015. In 2019 Northwestern Elementary School became the first elementary school earning the Battelle STEM Learning Network/Ohio Dept. of Education STEM designation. We are proud to also have become the first K-12 STEM School District in Ohio in 2019! Northwestern has been the “pro exemplar” of STEM and 21st Century Education for over a decade! We have not only been the rural school model, but more-so the model for all schools! In Dec., 2020 Northwestern had its 1,000 visitor touring our STEM, Career, and Academic Programs. We have been conducting tours since 2015 for school leaders throughout Ohio and even educators, administrators, legislators, and state-level public officials from other states. These tours have included school teachers, administrators, board members, as well as public officials, community leaders, legislators, college leaders, community organizations, and business leaders! Our community members are welcome as well. Please contact Director of Curriculum & Personnel Julie McCumber if you are interested in joining a fall, 2023 tour! Leadership and school culture create the foundation of schools that are future ready. As such, district leadership provides a vital pillar for transformation. Future Ready District Leaders:

- invest in collaborative leadership
- create a dynamic culture of innovation
- lead the development and support of a vision for teaching and learning that is both individualized, personal and authentic
- work diligently to model desired outcomes
- work diligently to remove unnecessary roadblocks while modeling a culture grounded in relationships and trust
- empower school-level leaders and every employee to collaborate in creating and implementing their school’s vision for teaching and learning while providing the opportunities, time, and needed resources for them to grow professionally

More than 260 incoming open enrolling students each year over the past 11 school years are not wrong – Northwestern has the reputation for being one of the very best schools in Ohio! Just one more way Huskies are leading the pack in quality education!



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