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Board asks voters to support bond levy in March



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A bond issue to replace the 85 year-old elementary will again appear on the March ballot.

Staff writer, Mrs. Carolyn Nitz

The Woodmore Local Schools will appear on the March ballot once again, but the request will look a little different. The board is asking for funds for a new elementary building but is holding off on the plans to build an auditorium.

The Woodmore School Board is asking for a 5.43-mill bond issue, which would raise \$15.7 million over 37 years if approved by voters on March 6.

After the voters rejected a 7.45-mill bond issue in November, that would have supported the construction of a new elementary and auditorium, the district looked at three different options to put on the March ballot before deciding on 5.43-mills. Superintendent John Fernbaugh said the auditorium is a necessity, but there are several reasons for proceeding without it. First, the district will lose \$7 million from the state if the bond fails in March. Many voters suggested that the auditorium was the reason for their "no" vote. The timing will allow the board to ask for a lower millage.

Additionally, the timing works because the new auditorium will be built in Elmore next to the high school. This construction would not begin until the Hetrick wing is demolished and the seventh and eighth graders are moved to the new elementary building.

The Ohio Schools Facilities Commission will cover 32 percent of the elementary's construction costs, but will not include funds to build an

auditorium. The OSFC has placed the elementary building and junior high wing at the high school on a list that ranks the district high in need of a new building. Its share of the project totals \$7 million for the new school.

To be eligible for the funding, local taxpayers must pass levies to pay for a percentage of the cost. According to Mr. Kevin Slates, the district's treasurer, the bond would generate \$19 million from taxpayers to be used for construction costs.

The elementary is needed for numerous reasons. The current building costs the district a lot of money to maintain as the infrastructure is deteriorating. The airflow is not good for heating, and repairs are too costly to justify a renovation. To replace the boiler, it would cost the district \$60 thousand.

There are numerous problems when it rains. Even though part of the roof has been replaced, it is only a matter of time before other areas of the roof will also need to be addressed. An extensive upgrade of the electrical system and plumbing is also needed.

The district is proposing to replace the elementary in Woodville and the Hetrick wing of the high school in Elmore that houses the seventh and eighth graders. The new school would include pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. It will sit next to the current elementary, in front of the baseball diamonds.

High school principal announces his retirement



Photo by R. Strzesynski

Mr. Ralph Myers

Staff writer, Randi Strzesynski '12

After 19 years of teaching math and an additional four years as high school principal, Mr. Ralph Myers has announced his plan to retire at the end of the first semester.

Myers, a graduate of Avon Lake High School and Bowling Green State University, began his teaching career at Buckeye Valley High School, in Delaware Ohio. He then worked at Mansfield Madison High School and Oberlin High School. In 1986, Myers landed a job at Woodmore and has been here for 17 years.

Myers always wanted to be a math teacher. "I enjoyed school when I was a student, and I had family members who were teachers and enjoyed their jobs; this is when I realized I wanted to be a teacher," said Myers.

"When the position for principal became available several years ago, I had several people suggest I apply," said Myers. "I felt at that time in my career, and at my age, I was ready for a new challenge."

Myers and his wife Jane recently relocated to the Defiance, Ohio area where Jane landed a job as an elementary school principal at the beginning of this school year. With over an hour drive one way for Myers it has been difficult to have the time to fulfill all the duties of being a principal. "I wanted to finish out the school year but, I don't feel as though I have the time," said Myers.

Myers has many good memories to take with him as he retires. "Seeing my past students and hearing them tell me they enjoyed my class is my favorite thing about having been a math teacher," said Myers. As far as being principal Myers is going to miss the people. "I'm going to miss the students and watching as they display their talents in the classroom, on the athletic field, in the choir, the band, on stage or even through art exhibits," said Myers. "I'm also going to miss the faculty; they were fun to work with."

One thing Myers will not miss is the decision making. As principal, he has to make decisions that were hard to make and sometimes disappointed people.

"After retirement I plan to relax a little bit, spend time with my family and my grandson, play a few games of golf, and eventually do some substitute teaching because I miss being in the classroom," said Myers.

High school bus arrival and departure change usual routine

Guest writer, Mr. Ralph Myers

In an effort to increase both efficiency and safety for students arriving by bus or car during arrival and dismissal times at the high school, the procedure for getting off and on the busses will be different the week of Jan. 9-13.

The goal is to separate bus traffic from car traffic. In the morning, the buses dropped students off while parked along Elmore East Road. Students entered the school immediately through the doors leading into the middle school wing of the building (close to the cafeteria).

High school students will continue to report to the main lobby until the 7:30 a.m. bell, while middle school students report to the cafeteria.

In the afternoon, the buses will be similarly parked along Elmore East Road. Students will leave the school through the same doors in which they entered in the morning to get to their bus. In either case bus students will not need to cross Elmore East Road.

Parents who drop their child off in the morning, or pick them up in the afternoon, should use the main lobby doors for this. Students who drive to school will continue to follow the same procedures as they have been doing previously.

Walkers who need to cross Elmore East Road are asked to cross at the traffic light.

These changes will be reviewed and the administration will decide if these changes will continue. Anyone who has questions should contact the high school office at 419-862-2721 ext 305.

Elementary phone number has changed

Guest writer, Mrs. Beth St. John

In an effort to improve the phone system, the district has moved from an analog line to a digital line. In doing so, calls will now route through the high school in Elmore and then to the board office and elementary buildings.

Callers should not notice a difference, except that the caller ID number for the elementary is now an Elmore number. The new elementary number is **(419) 862-1070**.

Please use the new number immediately. An effort will be made to forward all calls made with the old number if possible, for a short period of time. Thank you for your understanding and patience while we work through this change.

Opinions

Music students are at a disadvantage

Staff writer, *Cassandra Requena '12*

When schools need to make cuts, fine arts classes are usually the first to go. In November, Woodmore students had a chance to make a major improvement, but voters chose to pass on the offer when the bond issue, which included a new auditorium that was turned down.

Woodmore bands and choirs have always held their concerts in the high school gymnasium. The gymnasium gives off a loud echo, ruining essential effects of a piece of performed music. Additionally, the musical groups have to lay down a huge tarp to protect the athletic floor because the gymnasium is meant for sports, not music.

Holding concerts for choir and band in the gym is not only inefficient for students, it is also hard on audiences. Sitting on the hard bleachers is highly uncomfortable for audiences. While watching a concert, it is easy to overhear several people discuss the uncomfortableness of the bleachers.

One elementary student, recently diagnosed with leukemia, found it hard to be able to enjoy listening to his older siblings play in the band because the hard bleachers agitated his back from the spinal taps. Older listeners cannot sit comfortably due to various surgeries and other medical problems because the bleachers also agitate them.

Some people may ask why the band and choir don't use the elementary auditorium. For one, the school would have to pay for busing to transport the instruments. Additionally, the acoustics of the auditorium aren't any better than the high school gymnasium. The current elementary auditorium is shaped backwards. It should be shaped like a megaphone pointing towards the back of the room, but instead it is pointed at the performers. This aims the sound directly back to the performers and not the audience, making it very difficult for people in the back row to hear.

The drama club doesn't have any better luck in the current elementary auditorium. There isn't a spot for the pit band and the stage itself is very small. Students in the play feel very crowded dancing on stage, especially when props are brought out.

Storing the props for drama club isn't easy either. Elementary students have physical education in the auditorium, risking the safety of the props and even of the students themselves.

The failed November levy was a huge disappointment to students in band, choir and drama club. Hopefully, after the voters decide to support a much needed new elementary, a new auditorium will also be in Woodmore's future.

Woodmore Schools improve technology

Staff writer, *Thomas Shaffer '12*

In the past year, the Woodmore administration approved making some adjustments in the technology that students use.

Last year, teachers were provided with interactive white board technology, Epson BrightLinks boards, for all of the rooms occupied by teachers to help with tasks such as taking notes. The advantage of this technology is that it provides a method of interactive student learning.

"At Woodmore, we are continually working to be up to date with modern technology," said assistant high school principal, Mr. Shane Dyer. "We plan on having better wireless connections and maybe even letting students be more free to use their personal technology such as bringing in laptops to help with school projects and lessons."

Over winter break, Woodmore also made an upgrade in the schools' computer systems changing from Open Office to Microsoft Word. Microsoft Word is an advancement as it gives students more options and tools to use to help with school projects.

However, students use of the technology is also limited some what by internet websites that are blocked and keep some valuable information from students who need it for school related projects.

"The technology we use in school is determined by the Permanent Improvement levy money, which helps pay for the technology we use to help better educate students," said Dyer.

The upgrades that the district have made in technology are greatly appreciated by students. Hopefully more advancement will be able to be incorporated by the district as well.

NHS improves communities

Staff writer, *Jon Sandwisch '12*

National Honor Society (NHS) has been volunteering many hours throughout the course of the school year. With such projects as helping the Ottawa County Holiday Bureau and highway clean up, it is easy to see why NHS is so important to the community. NHS has also volunteered time at Woodmore's cheerleading completion as well as the A-Classic Wrestling tournament.

"Before Christmas break, we worked at the Elmore Community center sorting food items, which we then prepared for families," said senior Brittney Wolford about the Holiday Bureau. Millers, as well as other local companies, donated the food for NHS to package and without their donations it would have been difficult for this wonderful event to take place.

The biggest event, according to second year NHS adviser Mrs. Ellen Saffran, is the upcoming blood drive, which is planned and worked by NHS members.

With so many students giving up their time for such vital activities for the community it's no question NHS is making Woodmore a better place.

From the desk of the superintendent Parent Involvement Necessary for Success

By *John Fernbaugh, Superintendent*

The educational environment is rapidly changing and student expectations are escalating. We need you to partner with us to benefit your child. To accomplish this, we need to explore various ways of improving communication. At the time, we have this newspaper (*Window To Woodmore*), our website (www.woodmore.k12.oh.us), and my Friday newsletters.

We are now in the process of providing an email program that can reach all parents with important information. We can send parents a wide range of information, including:

- **Guidance Information**

- Course selection and scheduling
- Academic/Vocational planning
- College preparation
- Graduation requirements
- Testing Information and Interpretation

- **Current information on policies and procedures that will help you prepare your child for success in school.**

- **Parent Meetings Information**

- **Student Fee Information**

When the program is ready, you will be notified by Instant Alert. You will receive an introductory email and you will have the opportunity to opt out at any time.

We are looking for better ways to keep you informed and developing a closer relationship.

This program can include grandparents, other relatives, and community members. Simply email your request to hasenfratz@woodmore.k12.oh.us.

If you have suggestions, comments, or concerns, please call me at 419-862-1060.

Gephart shines in January's staff spotlight

Staff writer,
Dylan Young '13

Mrs. Michele Gephart was chosen as January's staff spotlight for her outstanding career at Woodmore.

Gephart has been teaching for 23 years, at both Woodmore and Lakota. She has taught seventh and eighth grade Language Arts, English I, English II and English III.

Gephart went to Tippecanoe High School and graduated from Bowling Green State University, where she received her bachelor's degree in education, specializing in English.

Gephart has been actively involved at Woodmore, currently serving as freshmen class adviser. She has coached many different grade levels of girls' basketball and chaperoned many Woodmore dances.

Gephart's favorite unit to teach is about the end of the world. "I like the end of the world unit because it makes students think about their future," said Gephart.

Gephart has been married to her husband, Jeff, for 23 years and has two children, Zach and Kati, who currently attend Woodmore.



Photo by M. Travis

Mrs. Michele Gephart

Senior spotlight

Rife appears in commercials for Owens College

Staff writer, *John Makulinski '12*

Morgan Rife attends Owens Community College as a Post-Secondary Option (PSO) student and recently appeared in a commercial for the school. "In my acting class, we were told about auditions to be one of the new faces of Owens and I was chosen," said Rife.

Rife chose PSO to challenge herself for college and to get used to the college atmosphere. She is also involved in many Woodmore activities such as National Honor Society, Key Club, Student Council, TAG, Symphonic Chorale and varsity basketball.

Out of school, she's involved in Fremont Community Teen Theater, Solomon LYO, FCA, Ohio District Key Club State Treasurer, People to People Student Ambassador and a Rider's Unlimited Physical Therapy volunteer.

Rife also holds the position of State Treasurer for Key Club. During her sophomore year, she was elected as Lieutenant Governor for Division I of Key Club. Her junior year, she ran for State Treasurer and won the election. "What I've enjoyed about Key Club is helping others and the friendships I have made," said Rife.

Rife plans on attending either California State University Long Beach or California State University Fullerton majoring in Theater Performance with a minor in Broadcast Communications.

Rife is the daughter of Dirk and Lana Rife.



Photo by B. Swartz

Morgan Rife

Students participate in field trips

Students see Bodies Revealed at Imagination Station

Staff writer,
Dylan Young '13

On Dec. 2, Biology II students along with AP Chemistry students went to Imagination Station to see the Bodies Revealed exhibit.

At the exhibit, students had an in depth look at the human anatomy by looking at real body parts that were preserved for educational purposes. Students saw brains, hearts, lungs, muscles and much more.

"It was a great opportunity to reinforce the material students learned in Biology II



Science students at Imagination Station.

Photo provided

and to actually see it rather than just pictures in a book," said Saffran.

The Bodies Revealed exhibit is a traveling exhibit and was only in Toledo for a limited time, and students were able to go for only \$10.75.

While there, students also got to experience the other attractions at Imagination Station such as the tight rope bike, water works and live demon-

strations of combustion. "It was fun to see all the attractions and learn more about the human body," said Biology II student, Dean Rowland.

A total of 30 students participated and were chaperoned by Biology II teacher Mrs. Ellen Saffran, student teacher Miss Mackenzie Schaffer, science teacher Mr. Phil Renner, and parent Mr. Scott Gavorski.

Students from Great Films class go to IMAX

Staff writer, Brianna Swartz '12

Woodmore's Great Films class went on a field trip to the IMAX theater in Dearborn, Michigan on Dec. 9. The IMAX theater is located in the Henry Ford Museum. After the one hour bus ride, students spent a portion of their day watching the Christmas classic, The Polar Express, in 3D.

The Great Films students viewed The Polar Express in a whole new perspective on a 60 by 80 foot screen. The large screen and the entertaining 3D visuals overwhelmed students who had never been to an IMAX theater. "It was like seeing the movie in a whole new way. It almost felt like I was there," said junior Stephanie Ross.

"I really wanted the students to see the difference between films from back in the early 90's to the highly developed movie industry that we have today," said Great Films teacher, Mrs. Whitney Flick.

Great Films is an elective English class taken by students who are interested in the film industry and are curious about how much it has developed over time. Each movie watched in the class was chosen by American Film Industry's 100 Greatest American Movie list. After viewing each movie, students look at the filming techniques, the critic reviews and the awards that were won.

This class is offered every other year and highly recommended to those students who want to learn more about the movie industry.

¡Un taco, por favor! (One taco please)

Staff writer, Cassandra Requena '12

Mr. Thomas Adams' Spanish II and III classes put their newly learned speaking skills to the test on a field trip to the Mexican restaurant, El Rancho, on Dec. 9.

"Ordering food in Spanish gave the students an opportunity to apply what they have learned in real life," said Mr. Adams.

The students also visited El Aguila Bakery for Mexican sweet bread, candy and piñatas after lunch.

At the restaurant, the students ordered their food in Spanish. One waitress complimented the students on their speaking capabilities during lunch.

Most students loved the food at the restaurant, especially the fried ice cream.

One worker from the bakery spoke to the students about Mexican culture and how the store started its business. The students enjoyed looking at the colorful pastries and strange candies the store had to offer. "The purros were the tastiest pastries at the bakery. It had a cherry filling and was covered in sugar," said senior Lindsay Nelfise, a foreign exchange student from Guadeloupe.

Students returned to Woodmore at the end of the day with full stomachs and plenty of pastries and candies from their memorable field trip.

Advanced Woodworking classes build pendulum clocks



Photo by M. Travis

Seniors Emilio Chavez and Max Schwandner with their clock.

Staff writer, Randi Strzeszynski '12

Advanced Woodworking classes are wrapping up their semester long project of building pendulum clocks. Each individual student has been working on building his or her own clock since the first couple days of school.

Students learned many valuable skills by building the clocks. Students begin their project with a brief instruction booklet to lay out their project on paper. After the project was laid out, the students then did some math to determine the square footage of wood they would need to complete their project.

After picking the type of wood they wanted to use, they decided on hardware and clock faces. Students then calculated the price of the wood and hardware needed for their individual projects and began the building process.

Throughout the semester, students learned to use all of the power tools available to them in the shop class. The students learned to use the router as well as the dado cut. Additional skills students learned were biscuit jointing and hardware installation.

"I like the clock project because it's a challenge for the high school students," said Mr. Chad Miller, woodworking teacher. "Once students make their clocks using all of the proper procedures, they then have the skills to be able to make other projects." Woodworking is a good class to take for students who like working with their hands and who like to have fun while getting their work done.

Students quickly learn to measure twice and cut once, especially when their goal is to build a perfect clock. "This year has been the best year yet for clock doors, as there has been no problems with any of them," said Miller.

Key Club members plan Box City

Staff writer,
John Makulinski '12

The Woodmore Key Club is planning a Box City to raise awareness about homelessness.

It will be on Jan. 20-21 from 4 p.m. to 6 a.m. Key Club members will sleep outside in boxes to help raise money for the Cherry Street Mission.

Participants will get pledges from the community to raise the money. The more they get in pledges, the more they are allowed to bring with them the night of the event.

"If you pledge more, you will be able to bring an extra pillow, blanket, or hand warmers," said Key Club member Mary Makulinski. Makulinski has wanted to plan a Box City since Genoa High School did one last year. "I have a friend who put one on in Genoa, and it raised a lot of money," said Makulinski.

During December, members raised \$126 for Children's Miracle Network by selling candy canes at lunch. Members also volunteered their time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. Together, with local Kiwanis members, a record amount of \$5,643.27 was collected this year.

Key Club has been planning many other activities. On Dec. 18, members went to see the zoo lights and had dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse to help bring the club closer together.

The Lt. Governor came to visit on Dec. 14 to see what the Woodmore Key Club has been up to.

Key Club adviser Mrs. Whitney Flick is happy with the events that Key Club has been coming up with. "Box City is looking to be a big event, and we hope to have a good turnout," said Flick.



Members will be selling t-shirts, designed by Mary Makulinski, and profits will go to Cherry Street Mission.

Student Council begins plans for Winter Royalty

Staff writer, Charlotta Mäkinen '12

The Student Council is getting a head start on planning Winter Royalty. The crowning ceremony will occur on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the boys' basketball game against Hopewell-Loudon with a dance to follow. The theme is Frozen in Time.

Student Council has also started a planning committee. During the teachers' inservice day on Feb. 13, students will decorate the hallways according to the Winter Royalty theme.

Student Council has other fun projects going on as well. Members have put together a spirit committee to get students cheering at the basketball games and other winter sports. The committee has made locker signs for all of the winter sport athletes.

To help support some of their activities, Student Council has been doing a couple of fundraisers. They sold Homecoming t-shirts in the fall and will be fundraising for Winter Royalty too, but the specific fundraiser hasn't been settled on just yet. Spring pictures will take place in March and also supports Student Council activities.

Members meet during Channel One or before school. The advisers are Ms. Amy Petersen and Mrs. Julie Odenweller. Petersen's favorite things about being an adviser of the Student Council is the enthusiasm the students have when they come up with new ideas; plus, she gets to interact with the student body. She said her favorite projects this year have been the Homecoming bonfire and starting the spirit committee.

'Alice in Wonderland' comes to Woodmore

Staff writer,
Jessica Canode '12



Many know the classic tale of *Alice in Wonderland*, where a young girl named Alice follows a white rabbit down a rabbit hole into a new world, Wonderland. This popular story, movie and play is making its way to Woodmore as this year's drama club musical.

"This play is very different and has a role for everyone," said play director, Mrs. Mary Lowry. Along with Alice, there are many other lead roles that are needed. The Cheshire Cat, the caterpillar, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts and many more.

In order to fill up all of the roles, Lowry is even inviting the elementary students to try out to be a part of the play. "The elementary students will be doing fill-ins. Some will be butterflies for the caterpillar scene and some will be the cards for The Queen of Hearts," said Lowry.

The play consists of many different scenes and props and will be in need of a stage crew and designers. "I'm really looking forward to see what the set looks like," said senior Morgan Rife. "This play has so many different scenes and different types of props, so I'm hoping the set turns out awesome."

Tryouts for the play will be held on Jan. 16 at the elementary and Jan. 17 at the high school.

Foreign Exchange students need host families Go Global!

Staff writer, Charlotta Mäkinen '12

Ever think about hosting an exchange student? Now is the time to check into the possibility of bringing a different culture to your home. Woodmore High School typically accepts five to six students every year; they just need interested host families.

The foreign exchange students are carefully selected for their programs and must have maintained a certain grade point average.

One great organization to work with is Youth For Understanding. Check them out on their web site www.yfu-usa.org. YFU has been around since 1951.

Volunteer Area Representatives will help both families and students by answering any kinds of questions. They also do monthly check ups with the family and the student to track how the experience is going. YFU works in 64 countries around the globe, so local families can choose from many different cultures.

For further information, contact the high school at 419-862-2721 and speak with Mrs. Whitney Flick at ext. 328.

Have you ordered your yearbook?



The yearbook staff doesn't want you to miss out on getting this year's yearbook. See what was on the Woodmore playlist.

The high school yearbook is on sale for \$45 until Jan. 13. Yearbooks can be ordered by going to www.smart-pay.com.

After the Jan. 13, the yearbook price increases to \$50.

On April 1, the price will increase to \$55 while supplies last.



High school TAG members keep busy

Staff writer, Chelsea
Heinemann '12

TAG students are keeping busy this year. Once a month, the students take a bus to the elementary and teach the younger students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, peer pressure and many other valuable life lessons.

"The younger students love the high school TAG students. They are their role models. The kids wish they could have TAG everyday," said TAG adviser Mrs. Janet Wendt.

Wendt began TAG shortly after she went to a training program many years ago. She recognized a need for drug and alcohol prevention but knew teachers wouldn't have the time to incorporate it in their lessons plans.

She got many of the ideas for lessons from the program, but she also gets inspiration from things she reads online and classes she has taken.

The program gets good feedback from teachers and students. "The teachers love this program. They like how pro-



Photo by C. Heinemann

Elementary students unwrap Starbursts with gloves to feel the effects of alcohol.

fessional and mature the high school students present themselves. It is a true learning experience," said Wendt.

"I love TAG. I love helping the kids, and they are so happy when we walk in the door. It has

been an awesome experience for me," said Lexi Krum, a junior TAG student.

The TAG students will be visiting the elementary again at the end of January.

After Prom looks for help to continue Woodmore tradition

Guest writer, Mrs. Lynn Utendorf

After Prom has been a Woodmore tradition for many years. Parents work together to provide junior and senior students and their guests an opportunity to enjoy food, games and prizes in a safe, alcohol and drug free environment.

The entryway through the multipurpose room is transformed to fit the theme of the night. Recent themes have included Rock the Night, Pirates of the Portage, A Seussical Celebration and Wildcat Roundup. An inflatable obstacle course, bungee run, wacky trikes, laser tag, photo booth and other activities have filled the gymnasium, mezzanine and small gym, in the past.

Food and prizes are favorites of the night. Popular foods at previous events have included pizza, chicken chunks, Friday

night fries, smoothies and soft serve ice cream. Prizes such as dorm refrigerators and microwaves, iPods, restaurant gift cards, t-shirts, bulletin boards and other items are available in a drawing for each Woodmore junior and senior student in attendance. Students may attend After Prom, even if they choose not to go to prom.

We are losing or have lost numerous parents on the steering committee due to student graduations. As a result, we are in need of more assistance in order to keep the vitality of After Prom ongoing. Parents are needed to assist with fundraising, theme development, decorations, food planning and preparation, registration and other tasks involved. It is work, but well worth it, and a lot of fun. We need help. If more par-

ents are willing to give a little, it is not a major burden for anyone.

That being said, if anyone is interested in assisting, please contact Katrina Paul at 419-467-2179 or Lynn Utendorf at 419-707-9807. We are in the process of requesting donations from local businesses and individuals. Anyone who is unable to assist, but, like us, feel that this is a worthwhile event, may help with a monetary or prize donation, which is greatly appreciated. We would like to keep the registration fee to students as low as possible, so that anyone who wants to attend is financially able.

Let's continue to create great memories of Woodmore High School for our students!

The next After Prom meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the high school.

Final message from high school principal

Guest writer, Mr. Ralph Myers

By the time of publication of this article, I will have retired as an educator.

I recently moved to Defiance, Ohio, as my wife Jane is an elementary principal in the Defiance City School District.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many in the Woodmore community for their friendship over the years. While I will surely enjoy the leisure time and intellectual pursuits afforded by retirement, I am sad to leave and will miss my colleagues here at school (past and present) as well as those in the community, many of whom have become true friends.

As I mentioned in my remarks at the senior commencement in June, 2011, I am amazed at the talents displayed by the students at Woodmore. Watching their talents over the past years is just one of many fond memories of Woodmore I will take with me.

The vocal and instrumental concerts were of particular enjoyment for me (as my former students may recall, I fashion myself as a county music song writer), and I also appreciated the talents displayed by our art students and athletes, among others.

There's a famous quotation about retirement (author unknown) that says, "The best time

to start thinking about your retirement is before the boss does." I also like another quotation, by my favorite singer-song writer John Prine, which comes from his song "Bottomless Lake" which is about a father who takes his family on a road vacation trip, only to end up in (you guessed it) a bottomless lake.

Anyway, the quote is, "He said he would have taken the other road, but he didn't think the lake was that deep." Now, this has nothing to do about retirement, but Prine doesn't get enough publicity, so I thought this might help.

Again, thank you to all for your friendship over the years. Go Wildcats!

Predictions for 2012 include the end of the world theory

Mayans predict the end of the world is near

Staff writer,
Chelsea Webb '12

Over the last few years, there has been much talk about the world coming to an end. What is the reason for this commotion? The reason everyone says the world may be coming to an end is due to the Mayan calendar coming to an end.

This is the thirteenth cycle of the calendar. It started on Aug. 13, 3114 B.C., and it has lasted 5,125 years.

The end of the cycle is set to happen on Dec. 21, 2012 and come to an abrupt end. Obviously this is not a definite thing.

Many don't worry about this prediction. "I don't think it will be what the Mayans say it will be," said Mr. Wendell Markley,

high school chemistry teacher "There will be an end, but we don't know when."

This was shown in the movie *2012*. The producers depicted that there will be another flood of some sort and unless people are on one of their "arks" they will not survive.

Scientists say that on Dec. 21, which is also the winter solstice, there will be a very rare alignment in the planets. Supposedly, the entire Milky Way will align at a point known as the "galactic equator." This only happens once every 2,500 years. It can signal a shift in the magnetic poles causing massive destruction across the world.

No one can say for sure if the world really will end until the time actually comes. Even though



2012 movie depicts the end of the world.

the Mayans, along with the scientists, say it will end, they don't know that 100 percent. For more information, log on to www.december2012endofworld.com.

Science proves Mayan theory wrong

Staff writer, Brianna Swartz '12

On Dec. 21, 2012, the Mayans ended their calendar. Some felt that signified the end of the world, however, there is scientific proof otherwise.

There are many different theories on when and how the world will end. Most of the theories take place in 2012. Although there are hundreds of different predictions, there is much proof against the world ending in 2012.

The Mayan theory is the most famous theory but is the least logical. Although the Mayans were typically advanced in astrology and mathematics, more than half of their predictions have not been correct. They claim to have predicted the end of life in 2012, but they couldn't even predict their own cultures extinction.

The Mayan calendar ends on Dec. 21 just like our calendars end Dec. 31. When calendars reach Dec. 31, we don't assume it's the end of the world. We restart the year with a brand new calendar, as did the Mayans.

"Although I really don't believe the world is going to end like the Mayan calendar predicts, I think Dec. 21, 2012 is going to be an interesting day," said junior Brendon Kraus.

No one can say it will not happen today, tomorrow or possibly even hundreds of years from now.

A meteor could come crashing into the earth, a solar flare could occur or maybe humans will even run out of resources and energy.

Maybe instead of worrying about the world ending on Dec. 21, 2012, we should continue to live our lives like normal. The world could very well end today or tomorrow, so people shouldn't quit their jobs, drop out of college and students shouldn't stop studying because Dec. 21 could very well be just another normal day.

For more information go to <http://www.mayanpredictions.net/ten-vital-reasons-the-world-will-not-end-in-2012/.html>.

A look back at other end of the world predictions

Staff writer, Brad Flick '13

We've all heard it multiple times in our life. "The end is near," or "Judgment Day is coming." There have been many times when someone or some group of people have made a prediction of when the world will come to an end.

One of the earliest predictions, that have obviously failed, was in 1919, which was made by meteorologist Albert Porta. Porta predicted that on the Dec. 17, 1919, the union of six planets would create a magnetic current so strong that it would cause the sun to explode and would destroy Earth.

Possibly the most popular prediction was Y2K, also known as the Millennium Bug. This was when the change from 1999 to 2000 was theorized to cause problems with computers. The hysteria around this involved the thought that all computers would reset themselves to the 0000 and cease to run, dump all contents and cause all sorts of other doom's day predictions.

The most recent failed prediction was made in May 2011. This was supposed to be the return of Jesus Christ to save believers. The prediction was made by a radio host Harold Camping. He used several numerological arguments, which he called "proofs" to support his prediction. Camping stated he had worked out mathematically-based prophecies in the Bible for decades.

Even with all the predictions, many people believe no one will know when the world will come to an end. Even with the most popular prediction, Dec. 21, 2012, the day that the Mayan Calendar is set to end, which many people believe is a sign of the end. "I don't believe in the rumor because there have already been so many predictions that failed," said sophomore Deric Anthony.

"I don't believe in the 2012 theory because no one can predict when the world will end," said sophomore Brad Bringman.

One thing is certain, when Dec. 21 rolls around, we will see if the rumors are correct or not.

End of the word myths debunked

Staff writer, Max Schwandner '12

National Geographic, with the help of scientists, offer that the Mayan predictions can be easily explained by pointing out six myths.

Myth 1- Mayan calendar predicts end of the world

The calendar doesn't end on Dec. 21, 2012, but that date is rather important to the Mayans. It is a time when the largest cycle in the Mayan calendar overturns and begins a new one.

Myth 2- Breakaway continents will destroy civilization

In some prophecies, the Earth will undergo a "pole shift." Shifting of the continents happens continuously but is too slow to notice. Only a drastic change to land masses would cause this to happen.

Myth 3- Galactic alignment spells doom

In this scenario, the path of the sun would appear to cross through what, from Earth, looks to be the midpoint of the Milky Way galaxy. Some fear that the lineup will somehow expose Earth to powerful unknown galactic forces that will hasten its doom. NASA has reported that this type of alignment occurs during every winter solstice and is no cause for worry.

Myth 4- Planet X is to collide with Earth

Some feel there is a mysterious planet that will collide with Earth. A hit from a big object from space would cause an end to the world, but scientists have assured us there are no objects out there.

Myth 5- Solar storms will savage Earth

It's said that solar flares from the sun will destroy the world. Solar activity does "wax and wane" in a 11-year cycle. Big flares can cause damage to communications and other Earthly systems, but scientist have no indications the sun will unleash storms strong enough to fry the planet.

Myth 6 - Mayans had clear predictions

Many scholars offer that the Mayans didn't leave clear records that anything specific would happen in 2012. Their predictions were fixed in time, but just warnings of what could happen.

To read more about the Mayan predictions debunked check out <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/>

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Cats on the Prowl: Wildcats share their feelings on the end of the world prediction



Photos by R. Strzesynski



Senior Tony Paul- "Before the world ends, I want to take a road trip across the country."



Junior Paul Makulinski- "If the world is really going to end this year, I would like to go to the Bahamas with Mr. Hollenback."



Teacher Ms. Erin Reynolds- "If I knew I didn't have much time, I would want to go to Australia because it is a place I have always wanted to see."



Sophomore Marina Coffman- "If I knew the world was ending, I would want to tell my mom that I love her."



Freshman Paige Small- "I don't believe that anyone knows when the world will end because no one can tell the future."

Students participate in Veggie University



Photo provided

Fourth grade students record data in their journals.

Staff writer, Andy Marik '13

The fourth graders at Woodmore Elementary had an opportunity this past October to participate in a program called Veggie University. During the program, students learned about the plant cycle, nutrition and health. They also learned about plant compost and the different types of soil.

The Veggie University curriculum incorporated journal activities, in which students documented the progress of raising a mini crop farm. Students also created a worm farm. On the last day of the program, the students were able to have a vegetable feast day where they were able to sample vegetables that they may not have ever had before.

Students loved the vegetable tasting. "It was a great experience for the students, and it also helped them learn a lot about being healthy," said fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Debi Welch.

Ben and Kate Rice generously donated the money needed to fund the Veggie University program.

Veggie University's goal is to provide a nationwide effort to decrease childhood disease and increase youth awareness of healthy food options and the importance of sustainable agriculture. They believe healthy kids learn better and become more active contributing members to their families and their society.

Sixth graders prepare for Camp Michindoh

Staff writer, Chelsea Webb '12

Just about every student remembers his or her time spent at Camp Michindoh. Every year the sixth graders go to this "outdoor school" located in Hillsdale, Michigan.

While there, students will attend outdoor learning classes, have afternoon and evening activities, eat meals together and learn to live with their cabin mates in a cooperative style. Students will learn more about themselves, how they function in groups and their role in their ecosystem.

"Camp offers students opportunities that are not available to them during the course of the school day," said sixth grade science teacher, Mr. Ken Green.

Although camp is all about fun and games, the planning is not. The students have been raising money for the trip and information was sent

home to parents to explain what will occur. Students will soon be assigned to their cabins and select the classes they will attend.

Twelve high school students will serve as cabin leaders during the week. The job of these leaders is to be good role models, help instruct classes, supervise the students, manage cabin order and confer with the teachers and camp staff. Students who were selected are Mikayla Baer, Brock Bowman, Olivia Czezele, Chris Hines, Paul Makulinski, Ryan Paul, Megan Pendleton, Tyler Porter, Gareth Price, Alex Sandwisch, Emily Utendorf and Samantha Ottney.

Camp Michindoh serves about 7,000 students yearly from both public and private schools, providing tailored educational programs which meet specific academic benchmarks for both Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

Middle school students compete in annual spelling bee

Staff writer, Jessica Canode '12

This year, Scripps will be holding another national spelling bee for middle school students to compete in. Three Woodmore students, seventh graders Jared Draeger, Saul Garay and eighth grader Sienna Schober, will advance to the next level in hopes of becoming a national contender.

Before Christmas break, middle school students participated in a school spelling bee. Each class took a test that was distributed by language arts teachers. There were 30 words total on the test, which were all based off of the Scripps spelling bee words. Three students were then selected and are now preparing to compete for the next round.

The students will compete next for the Ottawa County Spelling Bee, which will be held at Port Clinton, on Feb. 7. This round will determine what finalists get to compete on March 28 at the annual Blade Northwest Ohio Spelling Bee.

Each of these competitions lead up to the National Spelling Bee held at Washington D.C. The spellers who compete will receive a prepaid trip



Photo by S. Dyer

Saul Garay, Jared Draeger and Sienna Schober are Woodmore representatives at the Ottawa County spelling bee.

to Washington D.C in order to compete in the finals. That competition will test each speller with the hardest words.

"I really want to get kids involved and to see them spelling new and different words," said spelling bee coordinator, Whitney Flick.

Secret Santa brings presents, smiles

Staff writer, Jon Sandwisch '12

On Dec. 6, elementary students were treated with a very special surprise. A Santa Shop was sponsored by several local businesses and provided students with the opportunity to shop for loved ones.

"I like shopping without my parents so I can surprise them," said one happy first grader.

Teachers also enjoyed watching the children shop. "The kids really like the feeling of being independent and love trying to surprise their parents," said student teacher Zach Floro.

This great activity for the students could not have been possible without the help of several local businesses who came and sold many items at a very low price for the children. Some of the businesses involved were Pills and Packages, Country Hair Creations, Cuttin' Loose, McDonald's, Bench's and Genoa Bank.

"The reason The Christmas Shop at Bench's participates every year is because the parents in the Woodmore School District support the Woodmore PTO Flower Sale, which in turn supports Bench's Greenhouse and Nursery. Allowing the students to purchase items at a discounted price to give to family and friends is just one way that we at Bench's can give back to the community that supports us," said Mrs. Jill Bench.

Middle school students help with Operation Oreo

Staff writer, Charlotta Mäkinen '12

Middle school history teacher, Mrs. Courtney Reiner invited her seventh and eighth graders to participate in a collection to help American troops overseas to feel the Christmas spirit by getting a few of their favorite things. Reiner heard about this collection, Operation Oreo, while attending Grace Lutheran Church.

Students were happy to be able to take part in this project. One hundred and twelve students participated by bringing a lot of items to school for the troops like: Oreos, Nutter Butters, Pringles, Beef Jerky, granola bars, hard candy and toiletries. Soldiers also appreciated puzzles, crosswords and magazines to help fill their down time.

Reiner's favorite thing about this project was seeing how excited the students were to help the soldiers have a nice Christmas. With the help of students, 12 boxes of goodies were collected.

Reiner's eighth period class brought in the most items and will be receiving a prize.

The boxes were sent out Dec. 21. Troops will receive their packages in January.

This collection was organized the first time in 2009, when the senior minister of Alpharetta First United Methodist Church, Don Martin happened to sit down in an airplane and met a young serviceman returning home from 18 months of duty in Iraq. He asked him what he missed most while he was away. He immediately replied, "Oreos, double stuffed."

A message to middle school parents from Mr. Dyer

Guest writer, Mr. Shane Dyer

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Ralph Myers for his service as a teacher and administrator in the Woodmore District. I have had the pleasure of working with him for over the past five years and will miss him as a professional and as a friend. I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

The grading period ends Jan. 13 and grade cards will be sent home on Jan. 20. Look at the grade card and ProgressBook and set goals with your child on what they want to accomplish in the next few years. The junior high years are a year of transition as these students turn into young adults. They need our guidance and direction in making good choices that will make a positive impact on their life.

The school year is halfway over, and the students are working hard in and out of the classroom. We are preparing our students to becoming better learners. During the second semester, we will be starting intervention in the core subjects (language arts, math, science and social studies) for all students to better prepare them to become lifelong learners and succeed in school.

Jenna Lewandowski, Dyllan Wargo, Jessica Sotak, and Colin Sandrock are the junior high students of the month for December. Check the website to see their picture and continue to look for updates to the schedule of activities. Winter sports are winding down and I encourage everyone to attend one of the many activities offered at Woodmore.

The Ohio Graduation Tests will be given on March 12-16 and the Ohio Achievement Assessments will be given on April 23-May 4. We would appreciate if you would not plan vacations or schedule appointments during this time.

If there is something that you would like to share with the staff or myself, contact us by phone or e-mail. I am putting together a parent advisory committee to better communicate our needs and accomplishments at the junior high level. Anyone who is interested in serving on this committee, may contact me by phone or e-mail. Together we will accomplish more and we are here to support our students in a safe and secure learning environment.

Boys basketball shoots to be a contender in new NBC League

Staff writer, Coleton Bihn '13

The basketball team started off their season with a 3-3 record. They began their season with a disappointing loss to Old Fort, but quickly rebounded with impressive wins over Rossford and Port Clinton.

The team then suffered another heart-breaking loss to Eastwood in double overtime but once again rebounded by beating Fostoria bringing their current record.

This year's team is led by the only senior Jon Sandwisch, who is joined by juniors Donny Bowen, Matt Haar, Jake Lewandowski and Harry Wooten to make up a starting lineup. Junior Andy Shrewsbury and sophomore Eric Grulic also have received solid playing time to begin the season.

"We can improve by taking advantage of every possession we get," said Bowen. The Wildcats followed their back to back wins with a close loss to an Otsego team, who is seen as a serious contender for the NBC championship.

The team looks forward to league play. "We work every day on staying positive and improving



Photo by D. Utendorf (woodmorephoto.com)

Junior point guard Brad Flick pushes the ball up the court after a steal against Otsego.

daily to fulfill our goals," said Bowen.

The Wildcats continue their season with upcoming games against Lakota, Lake and Gibsonburg.

Girls basketball players take season in stride

Staff writer, Andy Marik '13

The Woodmore girls' basketball team has gotten off to a very impressive (6-3) start this season with no losses in conference play.

The team just recently defeated Fostoria by a score of 60-21. Seniors Kalyn Tate and Brittney Wolford led the way, each scoring 14 points.

"The team is doing a great job this year, especially in practice where it seems that every week they just keep improving," said varsity coach, Kyle Clair.

"We've been practicing really hard and we've been improving week in and week out, hopefully that's enough to get us to the top of the league," said junior Leah Bench.

In the game against Lake, the leader in the NBC, the girls fell short losing 45-24. The girls, now 5-5 are preparing for their next game that's against Genoa on Jan. 9.

This year has been a great year so far for the Lady Cats, and a few surprise players have really emerged to help the team. One of these players is senior Morgan Rife. "Morgan was out of basket-



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Senior guard Kalyn Tate takes control on the offensive end against Oak Harbor.

ball for a few years, but returned this year and has been one of our leaders," said Clair.

The team is looking to grind through the difficult part of the season that is coming up and hopefully emerge on top of the NBC at the end of the year.

Woodmore's bowling team starts off well

Staff writer, Max Schwandner '12

The bowling team at Woodmore just started its second year. The team is not yet a sport at Woodmore but is rather referred to as a "club." This, however, does not stop the team.

Currently 17 students are a part of the bowling team. These students include: Collin Aspacher, Kayla Beam, Billy Blausey, Ty Burner, Tyler Crump, Jenna Lohr, Charlotta Mäkinen, Zack Mathna, Seth Netcher, Jake Nuhfer, Ryan Paul, Tyler Porter, Max Schwandner, Abby Sullivan, Dillon Vail and Alli Wank.

Most of the bowlers are returning from the previous year. Bowler Ryan Paul said, "We are a good team, with quality people needed to make it to the next level."

Their coach, Steve Burner, who owns Tri County Bowling Alley and coached Woodmore's varsity golf team, is noticeably excited to see what will happen this year and how well everyone bowls.

Practicing throughout the week and having regular bowling matches against other schools in the area, the team seems to be heading in the right direction. The varsity team is currently 7-7 and the JV team is 7-2 overall.

Bowlers competed in their first tournament of the year Jan. 7, in which JV took first for their bracket. Over all the team has done well. They are putting up a good fight.

The team has several more matches to come and a couple tournaments. They could always use the support, so come support the Wildcat bowlers.

Does religion have a place in athletics?

Staff writer, Brad Flick '13

There has been a lot of talk lately about religion being displayed in athletics. The most popular case of this is Denver Bronco's quarterback, Tim Tebow. Tebow is well known for his late, fourth quarter comebacks, winning two national championships at the University of Florida, and, of course, the showing his strong Christian faith.

After hearing all of the news about Tebow, it is natural to think about religion's place in high school athletics. According to Woodmore Athletic Director, Tom Tucker, "Athletes are not allowed to wear any sort of jewelry, even of religious beliefs. Teams are allowed to do things, such as pray but have to be in the locker room to do so."

Some people feel athletes should be able to express their religious beliefs, just like they should be able to express them in any other place.

There are also some who do not agree that athletes should show off their religion. "I don't think that athletes should show their religion because game time is not the right time or place for someone to show it," said junior Corey Lambert.

There are many people who may have different opinions, but it is obvious that there is much more religion being shown in professional sports than in high school sports.

Wrestling

Ulinski looks to return to state



Staff writer, Cody Lockhart '12

Sophomore wrestler Evan Ulinski looks to return to the state wrestling meet this year. Evan was a league, sectional and district champion last year and a state qualifier as well. Evan's pre-season rank was as high as second in the state in one poll. "My goal is to win state this year," said Evan.

Ulinski wrestles in the 106 pound weight class. He has lost almost twenty pounds to make this weight. "I think this weight class gives me the best chance to win," said Ulinski.

He has only one loss so far this season. He won the Bob Bailey Invitational at Bellevue High School and Woodmore's A Classic. He took second at the Wendy's Invitational at Tiffin Columbian.

He feels he has become a better wrestler since last year. "I know how to handle pressure better and I've become better at getting up off the bottom," he said.

Ulinski plans to wrestle at the college level in a few years, but his main focus right now is winning state.

Wrestlers hit mid-season stride

Staff writer, Coleton Bihn '13

With almost half of the season complete, the wrestling team focuses on finishing strong. With a team record of 5-6 the team isn't satisfied and looks to improve.

"We have to work on finishing take downs and getting off the bottom," said senior Cody Lockhart.

The team is led by senior Dexter Emch, who has an individual record of 15-2 and sophomore Evan Ulinski who has a record of 16-1 and looks to return to the state tournament for the second straight year.

At Woodmore's annual A Classic tournament the team placed second out seventeen schools. They had four champions- Ulinski at the 106 pound weight class, freshmen Seth Gaghen at the 120 pound weight class, Emch at the 132 pound weight class and Lockhart at the 170 pound weight class.

The Wildcats look forward to a meet against Lake and the NBC tournament at Rossford High School on Feb. 11.

Inexperienced wrestlers succeed

Staff writer, Cody Lockhart '12

The junior high wrestling team only has six athletes, but they still find a way to win. The team consists of eighth graders Nick Fruchi, Chase Kutchenriter, Cullen Liskai and Sean Small. Seventh graders on the team are Brandon Cowell and Skyler Brown.

Overall, the Wildcats have 36 wins and only 15 losses. They have wrestled Eastwood, Rossford, Otsego, in the Little Mohawk Tournament and at the Lake Dual Tournament. "The kids are showing a lot of promise. We're looking forward to the rest of the season. These kids are going to be really tough," said junior high coach Marcos Requena.

Most of the team is inexperienced so it is surprising that they are doing so well. Not many of their losses have been by pins; most of them were lost by only a point or two. "The kids are doing really good learning the style of wrestling I have been teaching them," said Requena.

The Wildcats next match is Jan. 4 at Lake. Nick Fruchi will be wrestling his first match.

"We already showed most of the moves we need the kids to know for now. So from here our goal is to practice to perfection and if we can do that then our eye is on the league title. We know it will be hard to do but we believe these kids can do it," said Requena.

Woodmore cheerleaders compete for a chance at state

Staff writer, Chelsea Heinemann '12

Woodmore cheerleaders will be working extra hard the next few months with two competitions inching closer.

On Feb. 5, the squad will be competing at Anthony Wayne for regionals, which is a first for this Woodmore squad. If the girls score high enough, they will compete at state in hopes of bringing back a first place trophy.

They are also preparing to showcase their routine at Genoa High School for the Stella Bertz Cheer For a Cure competition on Feb. 18.

The girls plan to work extra hard next month to remember and perform two flawless routines for the judges. "It will be difficult, but we know what we want and hopefully all our hard work will pay off," said sophomore Kelly Less.

Med Tech students prepare for their futures



Photo by M. Schwandner

Woodmore senior Gavin Beard shows how to see if someone has a pulse to determine whether or not someone is in need of CPR. This life saving skill is just one part the Medical Technologies program taught at Penta Career Center.

Staff writer, Max Schwandner '12

Medical Technology students study skills in patient care, diagnostic procedures and medical information technology.

A typical day at Penta consists of about one-half day of hands-on experience in the lab. The rest of the day is used for related technical training along with required course work necessary for graduation. Students also have the opportunity to work at area businesses job training through an internship program.

Senior Gavin Beard and many other Med Tech students can go for their associate degree to be Registered Nurses, Respiratory Therapy Technicians, Physical Therapy Assistants, Paramedic and X-Ray Technicians. Students who go for their bachelor's can look forward to being Physician Assistants, Physical Therapists, Respiratory Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Respiratory Therapists.

Seniors host winter chicken BBQ dinner & Kiwanis offer pasta supper

Staff writer, Mrs. Carolyn Nitz

The senior class is sponsoring a chicken BBQ dinner on Jan. 20 before the home basketball game against Elmwood. Tickets are \$8, which includes a half chicken, baked potato, green beans, a roll and dessert.

To reserve tickets at the door, call Mrs. Whitney Flick at 419-862-2721 ext. 328 or Mrs. Carolyn Nitz at 419-862-2721 ext. 330 by the end of the school day Monday Jan. 16. Dinner will be served from 4-6:30 p.m.

Kiwanis Pasta Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21 before the boys' home basketball game against Oak Harbor. It will be held from 4:30 - 7 p.m. in the high school multipurpose room. The menu will include pasta with meat or meatless sauce, salad, breadsticks, beverage and dessert. The price will be \$6 for adults \$5 for senior citizens and \$4 for children under 12. A family ticket can also be purchased for \$15. (Parents or caregivers and children.)

The profits from the supper will help finance many of the Kiwanis projects throughout the year, including the sponsorship of the Woodmore Key Club, the Boy Scouts, scholarships, Easter Sunrise Service breakfast, After Prom, HOBY and many other activities.



Woodville Birchard Library offers new children's book club and free basic computer classes

Press release,

Kids and Cupcakes is a new after-school book club at the Woodville Library. Kids in grades 4-6 are invited to the library on the first Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. to talk about books and enjoy a cupcake or two. On Feb. 1, the featured book will be *How to Train Your Dragon*. Future dates are March 1, April 4 and May 2.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. Children ages 3-8 can wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to a story time. After the stories, the animals are invited to spend the night in the library. Animals and pictures of the fun they had can be picked up beginning Jan. 25.

Lego Club continues for students in grades K-6 on the first Saturday of the month (Feb. 4, March 3 and April 7).

Preschool Story Time occurs on Monday evenings at 7.

Couponing 101 will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. Is your New Year's resolution to start saving money? Learn the basics and start saving money with coupons.

eReader Essentials will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. Have a new eReader? Problems downloading? We can help.

Free basic computer classes are being offered for adults. Partnering with Connect Ohio, the Citizens Online classes are intended for the new or beginning computer user. Classes will be at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11; Friday, Jan. 13; Wednesday, Jan. 18; and Friday, Jan. 20.

To register, or for more information, please call 419-849-2744.

January/February

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15	16 No School Martin Luther King	17 9/JV/V BB Genoa 4:45pm	18 7/8 Wr Oak Harbor 4:15pm Academic Booster Mtg. HS library 7pm	19 7/8 BB @ Fostoria 4:15pm 7/8 GB Fostoria 4:15pm JV/V GB @ Rossford 6pm	20 Senior Trip BBQ & Silent Auction 9/JV/V BB Elmwood 4:45pm Key Club Box City	21 7/8 Wr NBC Champs @ Lake 9/JV/V BB Oak Harbor 4:45 HS Honor Band/Choir @ Port Clinton 7-9pm
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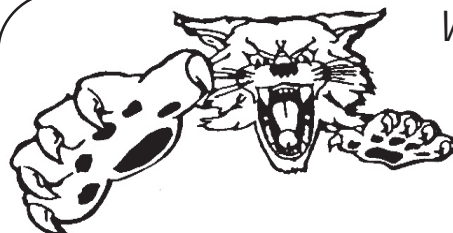
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