

Northwest News

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COMMENCEMENT 2015

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Valedictorian
John Markus
Parents:
John and Meredith Markus
The University of Akron
Corrosion Engineering



Valedictorian
Grace Stockert
Parents:
James and Mary Stockert
Ashland University
Dietetics



Valedictorian
Emily Liknes
Parents:
Gary and Kristine Liknes
University of Minnesota Morris
Physics



Valedictorian
Maurine Speight
Parents:
Kevin and Paula Speight
Walsh University
Nursing



Valedictorian
Abigail Woodward
Parents:
Robert and Ann Woodward
Malone University
Mathematics Major



Salutatorian
Jalyn Goddard
Parents:
Andrew and Tiffany Goddard
Ohio State University
Civil Engineering

The 61st Commencement of Northwest High School was held Saturday, May 23, at Umstadd Hall in Canton. The graduating class of 148 heard speeches by the Valedictorians, Emily Liknes, John Markus, Maurine Speight, Grace Stockert and Abigail Woodward, as well as a speech from Salutatorian Jalyn Goddard. Members of the high school chorus performed "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "It's Time for Movin' On." High school band members performed "Of Time and Change." The program ended with the band's playing of the alma mater.



VALEDICTORIANS

(L to R): Grace Stockert,
Maurine Speight,
John Markus,
Abigail Woodward,
and Emily Liknes.



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Board of Education



From left: Steve Jones, John Hexamer, Rita Gearhart, Board President Bruce Beadle and Vice-President Jim Gindlesberger.

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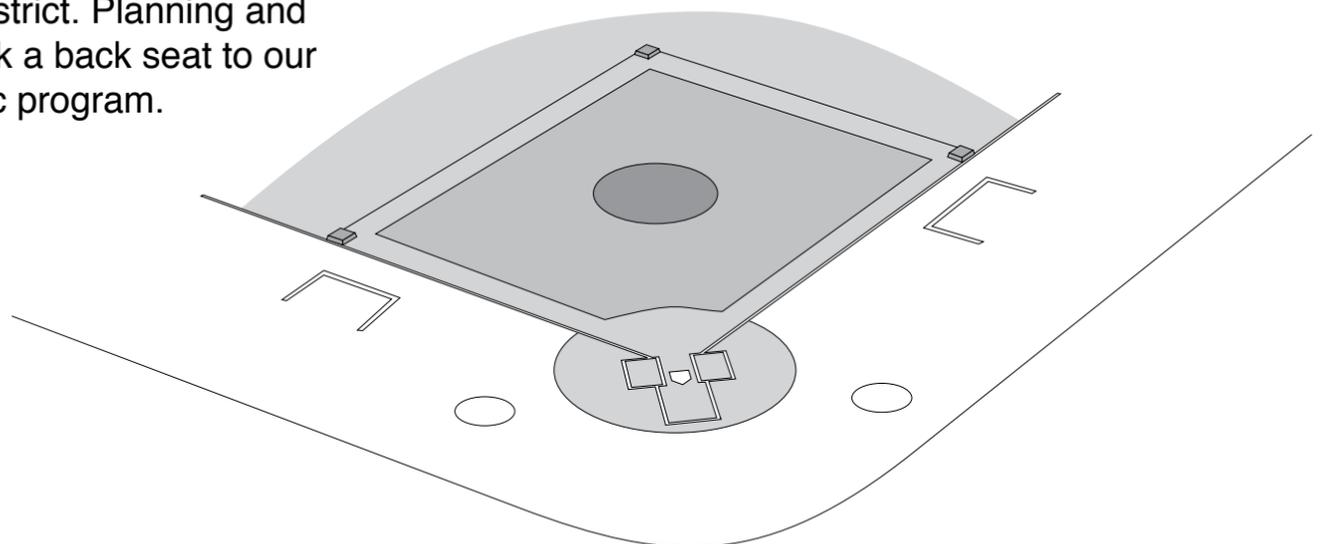
Baseball and Softball Playing Fields

Recently a community member filed a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), which is a department in the U.S. Department of Education, against the Northwest Local School District. This issue alleges the district has failed to meet the requirements of Title IX, specifically in the area of equal benefits in relation to the playing fields used by the boys' baseball team and the girls' softball team. The baseball team uses a field on the district campus, and the field was built thanks to the fund-raising efforts, hard work and generosity of the Diamond Club and the ACC since the school district has faced serious financial difficulties that would not permit immediate construction of a field. The softball team has been using two softball fields located at the youth complex, about one quarter mile from the school district campus. The OCR will investigate the case and make a determination if the case should be dropped, pursued or investigated in greater depth.

Please understand that the school district sympathizes with the concerns expressed in this complaint and wishes to provide all children, boys and girls, with the best possible playing field to meet their needs. Other districts have faced similar concerns in their efforts to serve their student athletes, a process that generally takes some time when districts are trying to conserve tax dollars and use private funds for athletic and extracurricular needs. Eight years ago our school district was in financial caution, and our fear was that all athletic programs would be cut in our effort to remain an independent school district. Planning and building new athletic facilities took a back seat to our focus of maintaining an academic program.

We see the recent athletic projects as a strength of our community. The ACC and Diamond Club members came to us and offered to build a new baseball field, an offer we appreciated and accepted. The same was true of the multipurpose field at our stadium. When members of the community work together with the school district, good things happen as we see in those two projects. Precious tax dollars are saved and our children benefit. We pledged to demonstrate fiscal responsibility to our community, and these fundraising projects help make that possible.

The district will continue to execute the plan that has been presented to and discussed with the stakeholders and attempt to stay within that timeline. We have received two scope of work proposals with budgetary prices for one of the considered sites. Our next step is to get the land surveyed in advance of preparing specifications for a facility that will be comparable in terms of style and amenities to the baseball field. We would continue down the timeline with officially requesting bids to be submitted, based on the specifications provided to all potential contractors. As this project advances on the timeline obtaining potential funding assistance will also begin. Timely completion of this project may be affected by the Title IX complaint and its investigation, findings or judgments.





Future Property Tax Renewal

School funding is a tough topic. We recognize that school finance is confusing to most community members and is certainly not the most exciting topic for discussion, but it's an ongoing concern for every district in the state, Northwest included. We bring up the topic of school finance once again because it's time for the renewal of the property tax that was first passed in 1992. No date has been set for the renewal to be placed on the ballot, and the board of education will make that decision. Please allow me to explain why the renewal of this issue is important.

- As you know, last November our voters renewed an earned income tax that was originally passed in 2010 because the district was placed in fiscal caution due to growing debt. The earned income tax was first passed in 2009-2010 after many community coffees, an analysis by the independent finance committee and a discussion by the board of education to create a plan to save our school district.
- In order to keep the district out of fiscal caution, the independent finance committee and the school district stressed the importance of renewing the property tax levy that was originally passed in 1992. This issue has successfully been renewed every five years by voters.
- The time is approaching to renew this property tax issue again. In 1992, in order to raise \$1.5 million, the Stark County Auditor set the levy at 12.8 mills. Today, to generate the same \$1.5 million, the levy is only 6.3 mills. In other words, the levy is designed to always generate the same amount of money. Our school district has grown over the years in value and also in the number of new residences.
- Renewal of this property tax generates approximately 7.6% of our annual operating budget. The \$1.5 million is important because it raises enough revenue annually to allow us to continue to employ 25 teachers. Renewal of this property tax is essential for our operations.
- If you have any questions about school finances, please feel free to contact Dan Levengood, Treasurer, at 330-854-6397. We work every day to demonstrate fiscal responsibility.

Change in School Hours for 2015-16

Next fall the Northwest Local School District will change the hours of the school day for both Stinson Elementary and Northwest Primary. The new schedule will be:

Stinson Elementary: 8:25-3:15

Northwest Primary: 8:35-3:15

The district will be changing the way buses are routed in the district. Because of a decrease in enrollment, students in kindergarten through fifth grade will be combined into one bus on most routes. Transportation Director Ray Gesaman says the change will result in cost savings for the district: "My job is to continue to monitor our numbers and keep our operations where it needs to be. We will see some savings in fuel and mileage costs, and less wear and tear on the vehicles."

In addition to maximizing the cost efficiency of the transportation system, teachers in grades k-5 will have similar work schedules that will allow for early morning or after school meetings and for professional development.

Safety is a Priority at Northwest

Thanks to the efforts of School Resource Officer Dennis Muntean, all schools on the Northwest campus and Sts. Philip and James are now linked together with a MARCS In-School Radio, which provides instant communication to the Regional Emergency Dispatcher (RED). Officer Muntean obtained a \$10,000 grant from the Ohio School Facilities Commission to purchase a radio for each building. These radios were provided at no cost to the school district.

If an armed intruder were to enter one school building, a school employee could push the large orange button to alert first responders as well as the other buildings who would then go on lockdown, thus providing a safer environment for our students. Northwest is the only school district in Stark County to have these radios.



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Curriculum News

Debora Clark, Director of Instruction

The staff and students in our district have had a very busy school year. The district implemented new English Language Arts materials, deployed eight mobile computer labs and successfully completed Ohio's new online assessments. The close of the school year is an exciting time for students and staff members as they look forward to summer break.

For students, the opportunity to sleep in, spend time at the pool, go on a family vacation, enjoy campfires and s'mores, go on a leisurely bike ride or play flashlight tag are just a few of the many summer time activities they may be looking forward to. For staff members, time with friends and family, a vacation, a trip to one of the StarkParks, an Akron Rubber Ducks or Cleveland Indians baseball game, a professional workshop, and the opportunity to reenergize and plan for the upcoming school year are just a few of the many summer time activities they will experience.

As your family relaxes and enjoys the summer months, take some quiet time to read with your children; fostering the love of reading might just be one of the greatest gifts you could ever give to them.

Tips for Summer Reading:

- Read aloud together with your child.
- Let children choose what they want to read.
- Buy or rent books on tape for long car trips.
- Family visits to the library.
- Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.
- Send vacation postcards to family and friends.



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Northwest Local Schools Calendar 2015-2016

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- August**
19 Convocation Day
20 First Student Day
- September**
4 Building In-Service
7 Labor Day
- October**
12 Waiver Day
23 End of 9 Weeks (45 days)
- November**
25 In-Service On Your Own
26-27 Thanksgiving Break
30 Teacher Exchange Day
- December**
21-31 Christmas Break
- January**
1 Christmas Break
8 End of 9 Weeks (42 days)
End of Semester (87 days)
18 Martin Luther King Day
- February**
12 Waiver Day
15 Presidents Day
- March**
18 End of 9 Weeks (48 days)
21-25 Spring Break
28 Teacher Exchange Day
- May**
27 Last Student Day
End of 9 Weeks (45 days)
End of Semester (93 days)
30 Memorial Day
31 In-Service Day

Calamity Day Make-Up Schedule:
1st Day – May 31, 2016
Consecutive Weekdays as Needed

- First & Last Student Day
- No School
- No School – Teacher In-service Day
- No School – Teacher Exchange Day
- No School – Waiver Day

Student Days - 180
Teacher Days - 184

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Teachers of the Year

(left to right) FRONT ROW: Tonya VanVoorhis (Canton Local), LuAnn Lauer (Fairless), Kristen Foss (Osnaburg), Kimberly Hague (Stark County ESC), Cheryl Berardi (North Canton City), Cathy Mitchell (Alliance City);
ROW 2: Cindy Peters (Jackson), Maureen Schmucker (Plain), Nicole Shadle (Brown), Jane Meyer (Green), Bill Wyss (Louisville City), Alicia Hunter (Marlington), Michelle Carter (R.G. Drage), Deborah Simonetti (Sandy Valley);
ROW 3: Zach McFarren (Dalton), Wendy Stephens (Lake), Melissa Panagopoulos (Massillon City), Cathy Blitz (Minerva), Troy Criswell (Tuslaw), Lori Howenstine (Perry), Tiffany Cocklin (Northwest), Karen Stanfill (Stark DD), William Small (Canton City).

Education Celebration

On April 27, 2015, the Stark County Educational Service Center hosted the “Education Celebration” program at R.G. Drage Career Technical Center. That evening, the 2015 All-County Teaching Team, All-County Rookie Team, Teacher of the Year, and Lifetime Educator Award recipients were presented their awards. Two teachers from Northwest were recognized for their achievements in education.

Tiffany Cocklin is Northwest’s “Teacher of the Year”

Tiffany Cocklin has been named Northwest’s “Teacher of the Year” through the Stark County Education Celebration. A teacher in the district since 2003, Mrs. Cocklin has taught kindergarten as well as first and second-grade classes. She currently teaches reading, writing, math, science, and social studies to 25 first-graders.

A Wittenberg University graduate, she earned her Master’s Degree in Education from Kent State University. Although she is not a Northwest graduate, she feels the community is a second home: “I am not a Northwest grad, but my mom taught at Northwest for over 30 years (Elaine Keller) and my dad was a mailman for the Canal Fulton Post Office for 25 years. Canal Fulton and Northwest were like a second home to me. I am honored and blessed with teaching at

Northwest. There isn’t another place I could imagine myself being. I love the ‘family’ that I work with each day.”

Mrs. Cocklin says she was “shocked and humbled” by this honor: “There are so, so many teachers in our district that pour their hearts into their jobs; I feel like this honor is a better reflection of the team I work with at my grade level and my building. . . . My first-grade team is awesome and if this award could be shared or spread out it would be very accurate to give a piece to each of my grade level teammates. They make me who and what I am: Troy Lindeman, Val Szekely, Nicole Salle, Melissa Reinford and Melinda Wheeler.”

She and her husband, Andy, who is a teacher at the high school, have a daughter and two sons.



Rookies of the Year

(left to right) FRONT ROW: Aimee Sauls (Perry), Whitney Tingler (Osnaburg), Joni Craver (Jackson), Kourtney Betler (Canton Local), Chelsea Hamsher (Sandy Valley), Heather Collins (Lake);
 ROW 2: Ashley Elias (North Canton City), Ava Gabriele (Stark County ESC), Dulce Myers (Stark DD), Glenn Black (Alliance City), Larissa Prazer (Marlington), Rachel Stroh (R.G. Drage), Katie Lanzer (Tuslaw), Julie Buckler (Green), Geri Seifert (Massillon City);
 ROW 3: Misti Fick (Minerva), Alissa Ruth (Louisville City), Stephen Tornero (Plain), Jay Lietzow (Canton City), Allison Kracker (Dalton), Shannon Schmidt (Brown), Jessica Morgan (Northwest), Adam Amato (Fairless).

Jessica Morgan named Northwest's "Rookie of the Year"

Jessica Morgan, a sixth-grade teacher, was recently named Northwest's "Rookie of the Year" as part of the Stark County Education Celebration. A graduate of Perry High School and Miami University, Ms. Morgan is in her second year of teaching language

arts. She says she feels "blessed to work for such an enthusiastic group of students and a supportive and an active community. In addition to teaching, she enjoys painting, scrapbooking, traveling, cycling and playing tennis.



**Early Childhood Fun Day
for 3-5 year-old children**

Saturday, August 1, 2015 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

High Point Christian Church

2545 W. Comet Rd, Clinton, 44216

*A fun time for children and opportunities to meet
Early Childhood community resources*

Contacts for more information

**Bounce Houses
Games**

**Crafts
Food**

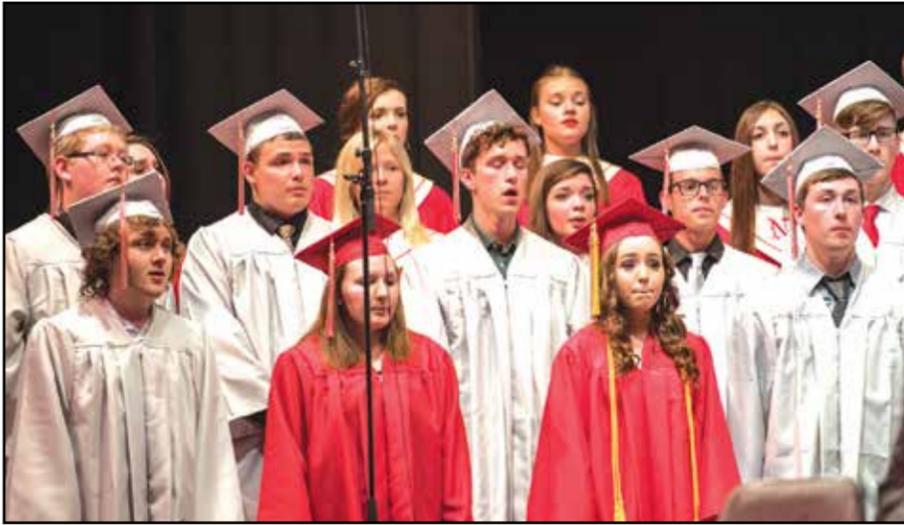
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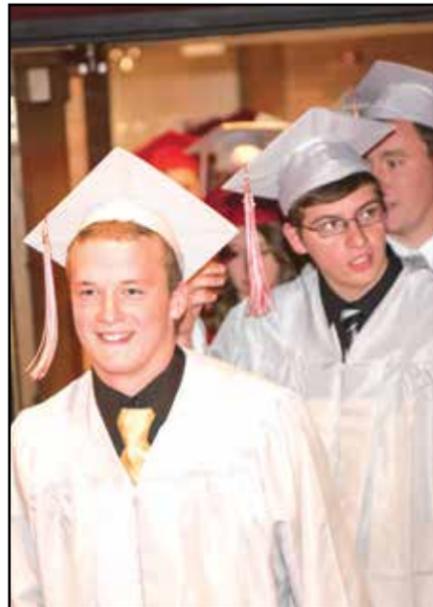
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CLASS OF 2015



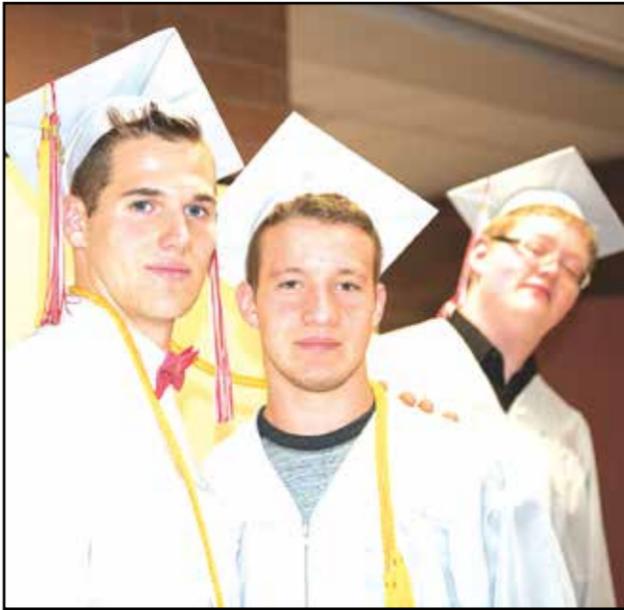
"As the wise Eric Bornstine once told me, 'Don't let high school be the four best years of your life.' I never really understood that until now."

- John Markus



"I feel like just yesterday we were attending our first day of school; experiencing our first time on the bus, meeting our first best friend, learning to tie our shoes."

-Abigail Woodward



As freshmen, we were all told by the upperclassmen and teachers to enjoy high school while we can because it goes by fast. We didn't believe them, but they weren't lying.

- Jalyn Goddard



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Mr. and Miss Northwest Named

Miss and Mr. Northwest were announced at the recent annual honors assembly for Northwest High School. Miss Northwest is Grace Stockert, the daughter of Jim and Mary Stockert. A member of 4-H, National Honor Society, cross country and track team, Grace described herself as "very excited and surprised" by the announcement. Grace will attend Ashland University with a major in dietetics, and she credits Mr. Stump, her health teacher, for inspiring her interest in the field. Grace feels Northwest is a special place because of the helpful connection to teachers who care about their students.



Mr. Northwest 2015 is John Markus. The son of John and Meredith Markus, John plans to major in corrosion engineering at the University of Akron. He hopes someday to work in the oil and gas industry or auto industry. His chemistry and physics teacher, Mr. Johnson, is a major influence on him because "he was always there for me to talk. John feels getting involved at the high school is valuable, and he has participated in baseball, golf, National Honor Society, Student Council and choir. He echoes Grace's sentiment that Northwest's teachers "are here to help you, and they have open doors."

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

NORTHWEST AWARDED SILVER RATING BY U.S. NEWS

U.S. News and World Report has released its latest ranking of the country's high schools, and Northwest has been awarded a silver medal. Other local schools receiving a silver medal include Jackson, Hoover and Lake. We are proud of our students and staff as our tradition of excellence continues.



**LET THE
EXCITEMENT
BEGIN**

CANAL FULTON YMCA

(offices located at the David Y)
7389 Caritas Cir. NW, Massillon, OH 44646
330.830.6275 ymcastark.org

CANAL FULTON Y FUN DAYS!!!

DAY: Tuesdays and Thursdays

DATES: June 2-August 13

(no program wk of June 30th)

TIME: 9:00am to 2:00pm

AT: Northwest Primary

SUPER COOL THEMES LIKE

- Clowning and Magic
- Builders & Inventors
- Sports week & more!

For all kids entering K-5th grade



Fall 2015 Before and After School Child Care at Northwest

- Children grades K -5th enrolled in Northwest Schools
- Hours: 7:00 am - 8:55 am
3:20 pm - 6:30 pm
- Care available only on scheduled school days

Our Promise: No one is turned away due to an inability to pay.

Financial assistance available



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OUR MISSION

To lead, cultivate and support a thriving arts environment, which is essential to quality of life, education and economic vitality for all citizens of the Canal Fulton area and for those who visit.

EVENTS

OPEN-MIC NIGHTS

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Showcasing Local Talent

Every Saturday Night at Public Square

in the Historic Downtown District.

email: canalfultonarts@gmail.com

OLDE CANAL DAYS

OPEN-MIC SINGING

Thurs., July 9, 6-11pm

Market Street Stage

Showcasing Local Talent

Got Talent?

Contact Us at:

email: canalfultonarts@gmail.com

CANAL FULTON PLAYERS

Presents

An American Family

June 19-21, 26-28

Salt Box Ministries

408 W. Market St., Canal Fulton
Info, Call: 330-494-1022 / 330-854-4387

CANAL FULTON

"MUSIC MAKERS"

CONCERT BAND

Duncan Plaza - Massillon

June 8 @ 7:30 pm

MGM Movies

June 29 @ 7:30 pm

Patriotic Program

COMING EVENTS

July 31st - Camp Jukebox: The Warehouse on the Canal will be hosting the public performance of those with developmental disabilities.

December - Christmas on the Canal after hours music at the Warehouse on the Canal

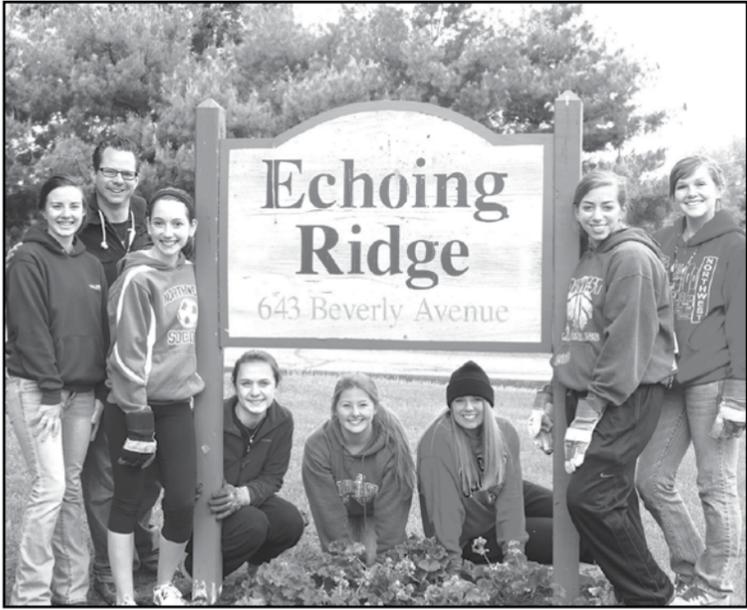
In the works: Open Art nights and Open Comedy Nights that would be similar to the Open Mic format, but would be for sidewalk art shows and comedy events in Canal Fulton.

CANAL FULTON ARTS COUNCIL

Contact Us at:

330-854-5530

email: canalfultonarts@gmail.com



SWORD

Once again through SWORD (Senior Work Out Reach Day), graduating seniors gave back to the community that has supported them through their years of schooling. Members of the Class of 2015 said "thank you" by working at Echoing Ridge, the Canal Fulton Police Department, Lawrence Township Police Department, the Youth Sports Complex, Clinton Historical Society, Clinton Village Hall and the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park.



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NORTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOGNITION

ARCHIE GRIFFIN AWARD

Keely Fightmaster and Josh Blankenship

OUTSTANDING EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS

Lauren Spradling and Grant Baughman

OUTSTANDING ART STUDENTS

Sixth Grade.....Olivia Murillo and John Welsh
Seventh Grade.....Kelsey Milkey
and Devin Stockwell

OUTSTANDING SPANISH STUDENTS

Lauren May and Collin Croasmun

OUTSTANDING CHOIR STUDENTS

Sixth Grade.....Ashton Nair
Seventh Grade.....Julie Ovendorf
Eighth Grade.....Autumn Freer and Brady Zink

OUTSTANDING BAND STUDENTS

Sixth Grade

Outstanding Woodwind Rachel Finefrock
Outstanding Brass.....Avery Brockmeyer
and Ryan Moellendick

Outstanding Percussionist Ian Donohue

Seventh Grade

Outstanding WoodwindHeidi Smith
and Matthew Paulson
Outstanding Brass..... Felicia Goggins
and Owen Cunningham

Outstanding PercussionistMalia Hamad
and William Rouse

Eighth Grade

Outstanding Woodwind Abbie Howard
and Nick Stevenson

Outstanding Brass.....Kailee Zito
and Cameron Freeman

Outstanding Percussionist Emma Kurtz
and Grant Baughman

Kevin Peck Memorial 5K Run/Walk

The Northwest Runners Club is hosting its second annual Kevin Peck Memorial 5K Run/Walk on July 18, 2015. Last year's event was a great success attracting over 200 runners and walkers.

This year's course has recently been certified by the USATF (#OH14065MW). There will be many raffles and giveaways from local businesses following the race. Proceeds from the race help fund The Kevin Peck Perseverance Scholarship Fund and the Northwest Runners Club, which supports the Northwest Local Schools track and cross country teams. T-shirts guaranteed to all runners registered by July 12, 2015.

To sign up or donate you can go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/CanalFulton/KevinPeckMemorial5KRun> or visit the Northwest Runners Club page at <http://nwruntersclub.org>.

The Kevin Peck Memorial 5K was established in honor of Kevin Peck, a 1998 graduate of Northwest High School who was tragically killed in December of 2011. Kevin was a state qualifying track and cross country runner. Each year one deserving Northwest distance runner is awarded The Kevin Peck Perseverance Scholarship Award.

Supplies for Success

Northwest Local Schools has a program, Supplies for Success, which is designed to ensure every student at Northwest has the needed school supplies for a successful school year. We help students in grades K-12.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A tax-deductible donation can be made to:
Northwest Local Schools c/o Supplies for Success
8614 Erie Ave NW Canal Fulton OH 44614. You may also call/text Angie King at 330.936.5198 to make a donation.

If you need assistance for your student, please call or text Lisa Baiera at 330.697.1344 by July 1 with your name and phone number, your student's name and grade for the 2015-16 school year.

NORTHWEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



First-graders give Regards to Broadway

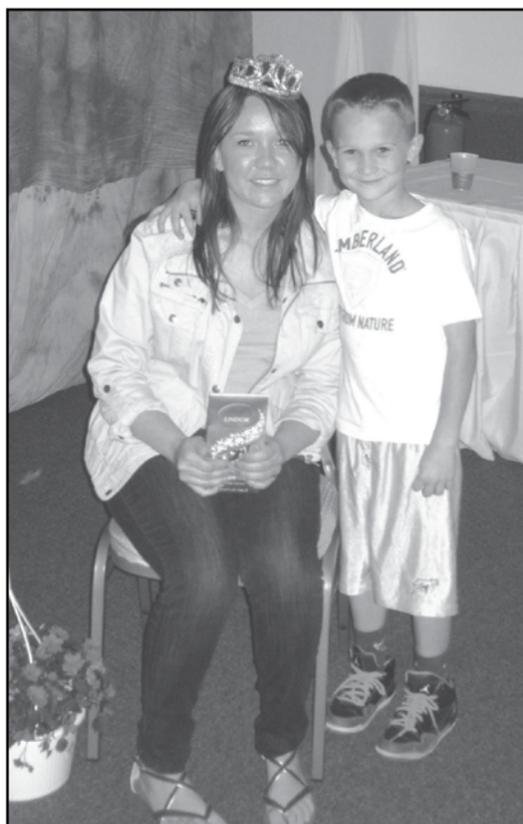
Northwest Primary School Music Department presented *"Give my Regards to Broadway,"* a tribute to American musical and motion picture theater at Puffenberger Hall Thursday, May 21. The program featured nearly 150 first-grade students wearing Broadway costumes while performing songs and dance routines representing over a dozen musicals, dating from 1904 to the present. The program is under the direction of Dr. Alex M. Christ.

Second Grade Munching with Mom

QUEENS FOR THE DAY



Lexi Perry with her queen



Jeffery McHenry with his queen



Connor Stewart with his queen



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STINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Perfect Attendance All Year

- 5-1 Zach Kurz
- 5-2 Tim Critchlow
Braxton Gensor
Ben Zink
- 5-3 Nicolas Quezada
Madison Zellers
- 5-4 Alexis Denver
Mason Kunkle
- 5-5 Karlie Demchock
- 5-6 Ethan Herald



Straight A Students for the Year

- 5-1 Tessa Allison
Brady Aneshansel
Zach Kurz
Brandon Macko
Lauren Sigrist
- 5-2 Paige Owsiany
Mary Paydock
Megan Swogger
Ben Zink
- 5-4 O'Rion McAviney
Alivia Nair



Lions Club Character Awards

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| Mrs. Fisk: | Tessa Allison
Brady Aneshansel |
| Mrs. Manns: | Amanda Keith
Austin Van Denberg |
| Mrs. Brunner: | Kendall Demchock
Zachary Ross |
| Mrs. Kurz: | Bayleigh Lower
Aidan Roncaglione |
| Mrs. Boso: | Abby Sharrer
Connor Dawson |
| Mrs. Lower: | Karli Czartoszewski
Nathan Bloom |

Eggdrop Experiment

Students in Mrs. Manns and Mrs. Fisk's science classes designed and built their own engineering device to keep an egg from breaking when dropped from heights that ranged from 2 meters to as high as the roof of the school. The winning devices successfully fell from four different heights.

This was a culminating activity to a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) unit, which taught students to think like engineers and utilize the design process to solve problems. Students also learned about different careers in engineering. They designed and created towers, bridges, pipelines and finally egg crash vehicles.

The most important lesson learned was that sometimes things don't work out the first time. The students didn't give up and showed that they are excellent problem-solvers. They also learned that great things can be invented by mistake.



Dancing for the Beat

One of Stinson's own has graciously used her talent and time to raise awareness for the American Heart Association through dance. Karli Czartoszewski is a young talented ethnic dancer, which utilizes belly dancing, Brazilian somba, Hawaiian and ballet. On one particular occasion recently this year, she and several of her dance partners performed at an event to raise money and awareness for the American Heart Association at Kent State University.

Karli stated, "It was a great experience being able to give of myself in that way. It was also fun being able to be with my dance friends and do this together." We love to celebrate the ways that our students use their talents to contribute to the greater good of our community.

ACC SUPPORTS STUDENT ATHLETES

On behalf of the Athletic Charitable Committee (ACC), we would like to thank our community for the continued support they have given us. The ACC, previously known as the Stadium Committee, over the last seven years, has been involved in many renovations and projects for the Northwest Local School district. We were formed in April of 2008 to take on the debt from the new bleachers and track that were installed at the high school stadium. At that time we changed our name to the ACC. We also assisted the track and field team for a new shot put pit and gave funds to the softball boosters for materials for the maintenance of pitcher's mounds. Most recently, we have added a new baseball field for the high school team. None of these projects would have been available without the help and assistance of many of you in our local community. Whether it was from lending us money to be paid back with interest, donating money, or simply helping and supporting our fundraisers that we used to pay down these notes, we can't express our thanks enough.

Four to five years ago, we set a goal that when we finished paying off the track and bleacher debt we would move forward in the direction of new softball and baseball fields for the high school teams. While the funds were not available to build all the fields at once, we decided, as a committee, to move forward with a baseball field first. This was decided for the simple fact that the boys had no field available as the baseball field was destroyed during the construction and remodeling of the high school and middle school. We felt that this provided the bigger benefit to Northwest Schools and the student-athletes. We are saddened, as a group to hear about the Title IX claim that was filed against the school. We had many discussions leading up to this decision as we met every month on the first Sunday, and we're positive we would still make the same choice.

While we are working to pay the notes from the baseball field, a large group of individuals started the TURF Committee in order to install an artificial playing surface inside the stadium. As the ACC has done with all booster groups supporting Northwest Schools, we offered the group an opportunity to become part of the ACC. This status allows a booster group to be part of a tax-exempt, public charity. In addition, this saves each booster group several thousand dollars in government fees and reporting. The TURF Committee, being a booster group that is supporting Northwest Schools, accepted our offer. On their own, this group of individuals raised all of the money required for the artificial turf. There have been no funds provided by the ACC.

We are now holding bingo every Wednesday at the Stinson Elementary cafeteria. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. All the proceeds from bingo will go towards paying off the notes from the baseball field and the planning and building of the new softball fields.

We ask that you continue to help support the Athletic Charitable Committee. Our goal is to "raise funds for athletic purposes in the Northwest Local School District. Said funds may be used for, but not limited to, the purchase of equipment, facilities, fields, and training of athletes in the Northwest Local School District."

Thank you for your continued support,

John Markus,
President of the Athletic Charitable Committee

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

- ACC - HS Commons**
fourth Monday of each month 7:00 p.m.
- Runners Club - HS in room 107**
third Monday of each month 7:00 p.m.
- Touchdown Club - VFW**
first Monday of each month..... 7:00 p.m.
- Takedown Club - VFW**
first Tuesday of each month..... 7:00 p.m.
- Northwest Cheer Association - HS in Home Ec room**
first Monday of each month..... 6:30 p.m.
- Lady Indians Basketball Boosters - MS in Library**
second Monday of each month..... 6:00 p.m.
- Lady Indians Soccer - HS in Commons**
third Thursday of each month 6:30 p.m.
- Girls Softball Boosters - Grayce Ann's Family Restaurant**
third Wednesday of each month 6:00 p.m.
- Diamond Club - HS in Commons**
first Sunday of each month 6:00 p.m.
(www.nwindiansbaseball.com)

A **car wash** to benefit the **cheerleaders** will be held **June 6 and 27** at the bus garage.

Football will hold a Family Fun Day July 19 at Clays Park. For more information, contact John Barabasch 330-606-9945.

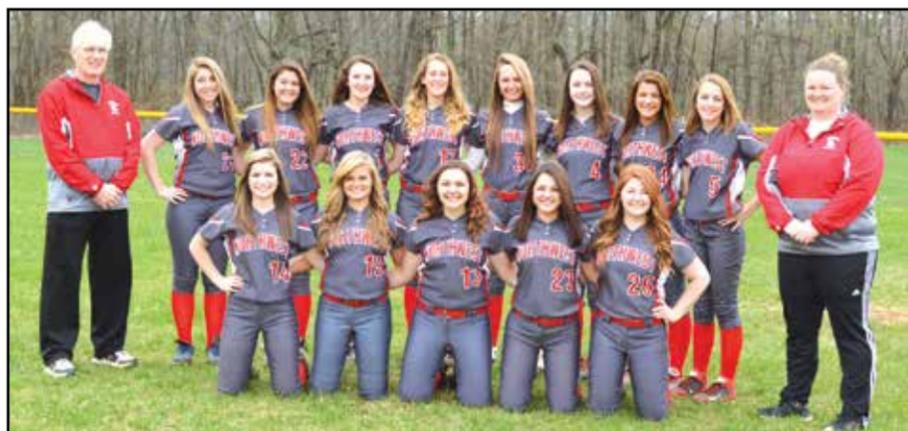
Girls basketball will hold a **car wash July 12 and August 1** at the bus garage.



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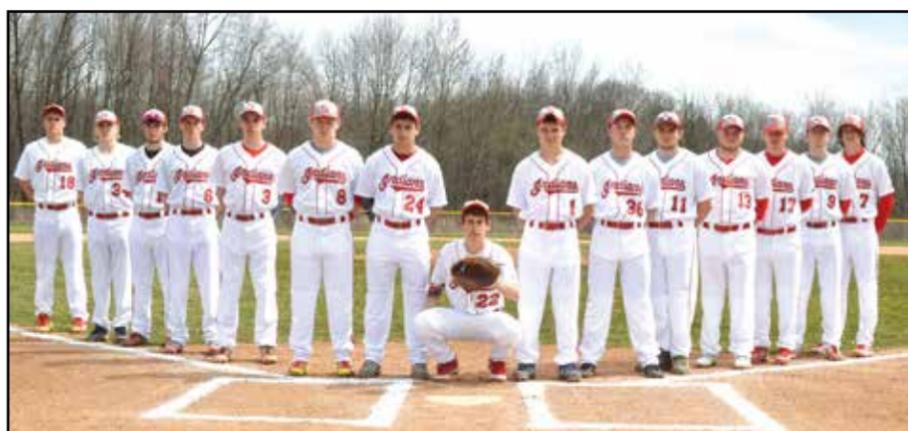
VARSITY SOFTBALL

FRONT ROW (L-R): Madison Markus, Regen Morgan, Courtney Harris, Ashley Kittinger, and Morgan Bass.
 BACK ROW (L-R): Assistant Coach Dan Levensgood, Abby Francis, Emily Meister, Alexis Kyler, Katie Joyce, Abbie Swaino, Erika Juersivich, Emily Jackson, Morgan Rearick, and Head Coach Megan Levensgood.



JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

FRONT ROW (L-R): Maelynn Norton, Sara Boles, Madison Culp, Shelby Jansen, and Jordan Miller.
 BACK ROW (L-R): Coach Jim Christy, Lizzy Butler, Cassie Dawson, Kendal Kovacs, Kylie Dawson, Kiley Turckes, Brooke Miletich, and Shelby Metz.



VARSITY BASEBALL

(L-R): Matt Fennell, Jarrad Farley, Carter Antal, Corey Carpenter, Tristen Lindeman, Beau Workman, Chris Jackson, John Markus, Corey Kyler, Brian Stevenson, Jake Hearn, Corey Earnsberger, David Dawson, Tyler Devenport, and Zach Earnsberger.



JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

(L-R): Nate Beck, Zach West, Michael Haines, Patrick Glosser, Justin Hagen, Bryce Munson, Greg Geiger, Quaid Gatewood, Jared Szekeley, Dylan Bolyard, Spenser McCulligan, Corey Burroughs, Chad Belles, Chris Barbitta, and Coach Dave Maculaitis.



FRESHMEN BASEBALL

FRONT ROW (L-R): Joe Mcguire, Jacob Simon, Canyon Foster, Nick Casto, Nick Rair, Cody Burroughs, Andrew Dane, and Josef Chiboroski.
 BACK ROW (L-R): Coach Aaron McCutchan, Nate Weiford, TJ Knight, David Davis, Carter Morehart, Ian Yoder, Justin Gunter, and Dillon Petty.



HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

ROW 1 (L-R): Jordyn Fye, Grace Stockert, Cierra Snyder, and Taylor Lawrence.
 ROW 2 (L-R): Logan Eisner, Burke Kepley, Dale Hazzard, Drew Schroeder, Nick Hearn, Patrick Wells, Clayton Freed, Michael Zervos, Chuck Kirkpatrick, and Alex Vales.
 ROW 3 (L-R): Alicia Tudor, Madison Villegass, Morgan Villegass, Lindsey Roadpouch, Aaliyah Greek, Taylor Heard, Holly Schilling, Nicole Wood, Morgan King, Lindsay Thompson, and Allison Slusser.
 ROW 4 (L-R): Makenzie Boecker, Haley Pullen, Lauren Rhodes, Alaina Penrod, Caitlin Ross, Madison Pollard, Sarah Buchtel, Evie Aaron, Lindsay Jones-Neely, Lauren Fether, Mary Durkin, and Adra Sims.
 ROW 5 (L-R): Amber Hill, Rebecca Schaub, Katie Ohler, Emily Caldwell, Lauren Kujath, Michael Roman, Joe Waring, Broc Minné, James Nicholson, Cora Underwood, and Emily Casto.
 ROW 6 (L-R): Tom Dolensky, Andrew Trewin, Andrew Murray, Evan Petty, Justin Hinkle, Kenny Aaronson, John Elliott, Isaiah Hunter, Trevor Coughlin, Josh Smith, and Zac Wilson.
 ROW 7 (L-R): Kenzie Hawkins, Julia Finney, Morgan Bechtel, Morgan Lenardos, Claire Sutphin, Taylor Lostaglia, Danielle Hearn, Morgan Kirkpatrick, Rachael McClung, Simon Keatley, and Jack Bender.
 ROW 8 (L-R): Drake Harbert, Ryan Gregorich, Michael Flemming, Nate Weaver, Logan Waggoner, Riley Fulks, Dion Morris-Evans, Joe Cochran, Nasir Martin, and David Dill.
 ROW 9 (L-R): Head Coach Brian Armstrong, Jumps Coach Mike Bechtel, Throws Coach Tyler Coughlin, Mid-Distance Coach Sean Green, and Sprint Coach Mike Calcei.

 **Talent & Teamwork**

