

# Northwest News

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# Understand the Impact of the 1% Earned Income Tax on District Finances. . .

from Dan Levengood, Northwest Local Schools Treasurer

As recently as five years ago the financial future of Northwest Local Schools was very bleak. The school district had been put into Fiscal Caution by the Ohio Department of Education, and the district took steps to reduce spending obligations to a bare-bones minimum. Recognizing the need to save the district, the Northwest community passed a 1% earned income tax in May of 2010. The passage of this issue removed the school district from State Fiscal Caution and allowed it to pay off its debt, upgrade unsafe equipment and outdated technology, and strategically plan the best education for all students.



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Know the Facts:

VISIT [WWW.NORTHWEST.SPARCC.ORG](http://WWW.NORTHWEST.SPARCC.ORG)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE RENEWAL OF THE  
1% EARNED INCOME TAX.



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

*Continued from page one, "Understand the Impact of the 1% Earned Income Tax on District Finances."*

Now Northwest Local is facing a different kind of hurdle. The Five-Year Forecast for Northwest Local Schools is greatly impacted by our anticipated revenues. The forecasting of our State Foundation money is reduced significantly due to our dependence on what the state calls the Transitional Aid Guarantee. The Transitional Aid Guarantee is a payment provided to school districts whose enrollment has dropped in recent years. Like many school districts in Ohio, Northwest has been dealing with declining enrollment. In the last four years, our enrollment has dropped by approximately 250 students, and State Foundation money is largely based on the number of students attending the district. The Transitional Aid Guarantee, which provides us with an amount of financial aid as if we still had the same enrollment, is the state's way of helping districts deal with reduced income. Although some form of this aid has been in the budget for many years, it may be discontinued in the next year. I have included in the forecast a reduction in state aid because of the uncertainty of the Guarantee's continuance. The next Ohio Biennial Budget will be presented early in 2015, and the state's decision to continue or to end the Transitional Aid Guarantee will be very important to Northwest Local Schools.

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**RENEWAL**

Northwest Schools

1% *EARNED* Income Tax

The second very impactful revenue source in this budget and forecast is the renewal of the 1% earned income tax. The earned income tax has provided Northwest slightly over 15% of our total revenues in fiscal year 2014. Failure to renew this revenue source would greatly impact the education we provide to our students. The Board of Education will have many tough decisions to make if the levy is not renewed. To balance our budget if the levy is not renewed, we must face some tough decisions: 1.) reducing upwards of 40 staff members; 2.) reducing class offerings and staff; or 3.) reducing class offerings, extracurricular activities and staff.

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Passage of the earned income tax would allow us to maintain our present programs. We now provide a very good educational opportunity for our students in some of the best facilities in the county. The recent Ohio Department of Education Report Card showed that our students performed very well on the Ohio Assessment Tests. We should be proud of the efforts of our students and teachers. It would be difficult to accept something lower due to the defeat of renewal levy.

## KNOW THE FACTS

- The 1% EARNED income tax is not permanent.
- The RENEWAL period is 5 years.
- \$2.3 million is raised from the RENEWAL.
- Property tax would need to be 9.75 mills in order to raise \$2.3 million.
- If the 1% EARNED income tax is not renewed, **programs, extra-curricular activities and staff will be cut to balance the budget.**
- This RENEWAL maintains present programs. It doesn't create new programs.





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## Curriculum News

### Debora Clark, Director of Instruction

#### Northwest Local's 2013-2014 Report Card Released

On September 12th the Ohio Department of Education released the 2013-2014 state report cards for all school districts in Ohio. The state report card format assigns a letter grade of A to F to each identified component of the report card with the letter grade C being equivalent to the previous Excellent rating. Letter grades were assigned in the areas of achievement, progress, gap closing, and graduation rates.

Northwest's report card reflected significant gains in the areas of progress, gap closing and the 5-year graduation rates. Overall the district earned six A's, two B's and one C. The district will continue to evaluate the data, monitor student progress, and focus on strengthening areas of need. Further detailed information is located on the district's webpage under the "Academic" tab.



#### Third Grade Reading Guarantee

School districts are required to annually evaluate students in kindergarten through third grade by September 30 to determine if they are reading as well as they should be. Students are on-track if they are reading at grade-level based on the previous end-of-year standards' expectations. A student identified as not-on-track is not reading at grade level based on previous end-of-year standards' expectations. The district is currently in the process of reviewing the diagnostic evaluation data to determine which students will need to be placed on a reading improvement and monitoring plan (RIMP), which will address the student's individual reading needs. Students will be monitored throughout the year to ensure their reading skills are progressing. Northwest offers various interventions for students identified as not-on-track, including Title I tutoring, an after-school reading program, differentiated small group instruction and summer school. We encourage parents to take advantage of these options.

#### Advancing to Fourth Grade

Except for students with special circumstances, students must meet a minimum score on the state reading test to move on to fourth grade. During the 2014-2015 school year, a student must score 394 for advancement to fourth grade. The students will have two opportunities to attain this score, the fall and spring administration of the Grade 3 Reading OAA. **If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please contact their classroom teacher or building principal.**

#### Standards-Based Report Card Initiative Update

Northwest Local has utilized a standards-based report card for students in kindergarten through second grade for several years. During the 2013-2014 school year, we began exploring the option of expanding the use of the standards-based report card to include students in third through fifth grade. The district decided to phase in the standards-based report card so that none of our students would move from traditional grades to a standards-based report card. The first phase of the project involved the Northwest Primary staff revising their existing standards-based report card to reflect Ohio's New Learning Standards and implementing the updated report card during the 2013-2014 school year. This year a standards-based report card will be implemented in third grade. During the 2015-2016 school year, fourth grade will begin using the standards-based report card with fifth grade implementation the following school year. Copies of our standards-based report cards and rubrics can be found on the district's website [www.northwest.sparcc.org](http://www.northwest.sparcc.org) under the Parent Tab.

#### INTERESTED IN THE FACTS ABOUT THE RENEWAL OF THE 1% EARNED INCOME TAX? PLEASE JOIN US:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014, FOR A LEVY RENEWAL TOWN HALL MEETING AT THE NORTHWEST SENIOR CENTER FROM 7:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:30 P.M.

OR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014, FOR A LEVY RENEWAL TOWN HALL MEETING AT THE CLINTON VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM FROM 7:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:30 P.M.

# Transportation Department stresses Safety

The Northwest transportation staff will be conducting required annual safety drills on the school campus during the following dates / times:

- High School – Tues., October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:21 a.m.
- Middle School – Fri., October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 a.m.
- Stinson School – Tues., October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:15 a.m.
- Primary School – Tues., October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:15 a.m.
- Sts. Philip and James School – Wed., October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:15 a.m.

Ohio Law requires that students receive annual instruction in front door, rear door and front / rear door evacuation drills. School bus drivers will point out the location of safety equipment housed on the bus as well as how to operate the various emergency exits available to students. Students will practice the drills which are supervised by the bus driver and school staff. Any student who is uncomfortable or unable to complete the drills will not be required to do so.

## Child Find

In an effort to serve young people with disabilities, Northwest Local is continually in the process of locating and evaluating children from 3 to 21 years of age who are suspected as having a disability. Disabilities may include developmental delays, health impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injury. Individuals may contact the building Principals or Director of Special Services about children suspected as having a disability that may qualify for special education services. Information is available about special education policies and procedures in each building by contacting the building Principal. If you have questions about the above-mentioned process, please call Victoria Hessey, Director of Special Services, at 330-854-2292.

## Lest we forget: VETERANS DAY 2014

Northwest High School's Student Council will hold its annual celebration of Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11th, at 10:00 a.m. in Puffenberger Hall. The public is invited.

Northwest Middle School will hold an assembly on Veterans Day at 7:30 a.m. Family members of students who are serving or have served our country will be invited to spend the morning with us. Refreshments will include cookies and muffins along with plenty of coffee and juice.

Northwest Primary School will hold a Veterans Day assembly at 10:00 am on November 11th. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, only students, staff and veterans will be asked to attend.



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## THE MISSING PIECE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE

### Before and After School Child Care

- Children grades K –5th enrolled in Northwest Schools
- NW Schools transport Stinson students between buildings. Program site is NW Primary School's Library
- Hours: 7:00 am – 8:55 am, 3:20 pm – 6:30 pm
- Care available only on scheduled school days

Contact Lyndsay Gatto for more information:  
330-830-6275 or lgatto@ymcastark.org



## IT'S NOT JUST KIDS STUFF



Although, the kids stuff is awesome, too!

### Adult Group Exercise Programs

- Morning classes held at SALT BOX Ministry building: 9:30-10:30am Tue & Thurs
- Evening classes held at NW Primary School 6-7:00pm Tue & Wed; yoga & Cardio Combo
- Come to any or all classes for one low fee
- Call for session dates

### SilverSneakers Exercise Classes

- Held at Northwest Stark Senior Center
- Classes on Monday & Friday mornings from 9:05-10:05am

Contact Pam Leddon for more info:  
330-830-6275 or pleddon@ymcastark.org

Financial assistance available

## Dr. Shreffler chosen for Educational Program

Superintendent Dr. Mike Shreffler has been chosen as a delegate to China, as part of a bridge delegation for superintendents across the United States. The trip is sponsored by The College Board and Hanban of North America. Delegates spend nearly one week in China, specifically three days in Beijing and three days in a province learning about programs to enrich Chinese cultural awareness in schools in the United States.

Dr. Mike will travel to China November 5-13 to attend the delegation.

This experience will allow him to make connections with world leaders in global education and business, network with other U.S. educators about helping our teachers and students bridge cultural gaps and understand differences between western and eastern cultures.

Dr. Mike Shreffler has been selected from a number of applicants across the U.S. for this prestigious program. There is no cost to the district for the program.





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## PASSING THE BATON OF EXCELLENCE: THE CLASS OF 1964 OFFERS BEST WISHES

In 1964 the Northwest High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Emil W. Puffenberger, achieved its 25th consecutive "Superior Rating" in the Ohio Music Education Association's State High School Band Competition. This significant



Denny Roach and Evelyn Nelson with Dr. Shreffler and Mr. Welker

accomplishment, which spanned a quarter century of exceptional performances by the Canal Fulton and Northwest High School concert bands, reflects great credit on the many talented band members of those years, as well as the extraordinary leadership of Mr. Puffenberger. To recognize the achievement of that 25th superior rating in 1964, Mr. Emil Puffenberger presented the baton he used to direct the band at the State Competition to the senior band members at the 1964 band banquet. Upon the 50th anniversary of this accomplishment, the Class of 1964, proudly returned this same baton and presented it with best wishes to Northwest High School and the Northwest High School Band. Senior Band Members of the Class of 1964 in attendance for the presentation were Ken Cook, Billie Crawford McClaskey, Keith Crawford, Kit Esler, Eileen Fricke Lawrence, Eve Gumbarevic Nelson, Gary Johnson, Nancy Jolly Johnson, Kay Kunkle Stephan, Diane Ludwig Gunter, Tom Remark, Helen

Riggs Weygandt, Denny Roach, Vera Rohe Snyder, Alan Stosaker, and Sandy Wagner Yingling. Passing the baton to Dr. Mike Shreffler and Band Director, Aaron Welker is Denny Roach. Classmates from the Class of 1964 celebrated their 50th class reunion in September and toured the high school and middle school.





# New Turf Field enjoyed by even the Smallest Players



The new turf field is being used by football players and cheerleaders from the Northwest Youth Football and Cheerleading Association. The field is also being used by the high school boys and girls soccer teams, the high school marching band and other community programs. Many thanks to the individuals who made



Jim Schalmo Memorial Field in Smilek Stadium possible, assuring the safety of the community's children.

## Freshman Football



Row 1 (L-R): Liberty Minné, Rebekah Cornell, Emily Szekely, Gabrielle Harbaugh, Hannah Huffman, Lauren Kujath, Madison Fightmaster. Row 2 (L-R): Tyler Schilling, Nick Osborn, Kyle Gajovski, Elijah Beers, Dylan Board, Thomas Dolensky, and Austin Walker. Row 3 (L-R): Logan Sundheimer, T.J. Knight, Tim Gissing, Dustin Juszli, Dale Decker, and Kirk Gilling. Row: 4 (L-R): Breanna Snyder, Carter Morehart, Spencer Fulton, Dylan Board, Quinton Davis, Joe Harbaugh, and Caileigh Bennett. Row 5 (L-R): Coach Mike Bechtel, Coach Jordan Pellikan, Coach Zaid Abueteen, and Coach Tyler Harris.

*Our apologies for running the wrong names for the freshman and varsity football teams in the September issue. Here are the photos with the correct identification.*

## Fall Homecoming Court 2014



Congratulations to the members of the Fall Homecoming Court who were honored at the dance at the high school September 27. The members of the court are (left to right): Freshman Maddie Fightmaster, Sophomore Alayna Penrod, Senior Kennedy Rutt, Senior Molly Ogg, Senior Maddie Stackhouse, Senior Hannah Brotherton, and Junior Kelly Walker.

## Varsity Football



Row 1 (L-R): Molly Ogg, Brooke West, Marissa Wood, Claire Sutphin, Maddie Markus, Molly Hollenbaugh, Caitlin Ross, Kelly Walker, Emily Jackson, Taylor Lawrence, Cassidy Spencer, Aubrey Walker, Jenna Hutzell, Breanne Kushnir, Gracyn Loper, Evie Aaron, Kelsey Francis, and Kristin Sobie. Row 2 (L-R): Courtney Ridenour, Clayton Freed, Cody Wilson, Nick Hearn, Drew Schroeder, Matt Ramsey, Jeff Shimko, Michael Zervos, Chuck Kirkpatrick, Chance Harvey, Lawrence Ruthraff, Dale Hazzard, Trevor Coughlin, and Connor Ramsey. Row 3 (L-R): Caileigh Bennett, Carter Antal, Nate Weaver, David Dill, James Nicholson, Austin Cundiff, Josh Smith, Kyle Myers, Nasir Martin, Briar Barabasch, Cameron Huscusson, Matt Fennell, Chris Fisher, and Daryn Board. Row 4 (L-R): Breanna Snyder, Christian Walker, Jacob Klein, Riley Fulks, Brian Hull, Tim Brosch, Chris Barbitta, Eric Frye, Ryan Gregorich, Noah Donatelli, Logan Waggoner, Broc Minné, Joe Waring, Nate Gissing, and Jason Greenfield. Row 5 (L-R): Colton Rhodes, Trevor Summers, Tom Dolensky, Dale Decker, Nick Osborn, Brian Hull, John Keller, Eli Beers, Darian Short, Karlos deGuia, Michael Roman, Jim Waring, Kyle Lott, and Nick Ridenour. Row 6 (L-R): Jordan Pellikan, Ray Keller, Shane Minné, Dave Maculaitis, Tyler Harris, Vic Whiting, Zaid Abueteen, Shawn Donaldson, Mike Calcei, Mike Bechtel, and Travis Stroh.





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## BUCKEYE BOYS STATE: LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

Four Northwest High School seniors attended Buckeye Boys State June 8-15 at Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Over 900 high schools were represented by 12 hundred delegates in the event which is sponsored by the American Legion. The goal of Buckeye Boys State is to educate and train these young men “in understanding one of this country’s most precious freedoms; the democratic form of government.”



**Kenny Aronson:** “I learned important things about leadership and teamwork. I also learned a lot about our government as well as the importance of our involvement in it. I also learned about interacting with a new group of people.” Kenny is active in Interact, Academic Challenge and Teen Institute.



**Charles “Matt” Campbell:** “I learned a lot about city government, day to day operations and the difficulty in holding everything together. I learned a lot about myself as well and made many friends for life. It was amazing to see 12 hundred people come together and function as well as they did.” Matt is active in Academic Challenge, band, Interact and National Honor Society.



**Tyler Ferree:** “When I first showed up at Bowling Green, it was intimidating. After we began our jobs, I was afraid everything would be moving at a pace too fast to handle. After a few hours, I found that everything we did intrigued me, and the Legionnaires taught me so much about the way our government runs. It was a great experience, and I recommend it to any junior.” Tyler is active in the choral and drama programs, and he is a board member in Teen Institute.



**Nick Hearn:** “I learned about how the government works. At times it got tough, and I learned how to deal with adversity. I made a lot of friendships with kids from other schools, and today I still stay in contact with them through social media.” Nick is a three-year letterwinner in football and earned a letter in track, also. He plans to be in the school play this year.

## Northwest Alumni Corner

*In this issue we begin a new series recognizing the successes of Northwest grads. Our first alumna is Nichole (Sickman) Hodges from the Class of 1994.*



After spending her senior year of high school as a Rotary exchange student in the small town of Goondiwindi in Queensland, Australia, Nichole (Sickman) Hodges (NWSH class of 1994) returned stateside for college, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and Theatre Arts from East Carolina University. While living in North Carolina, Nichole met

her husband, David, while working nights at a Perkins restaurant. She also had a brief career as a middle school teacher before moving back to Ohio in 2003.

In 2005 Nichole received a Master of Public Health degree from Ohio State University and began working in the Center for Injury Research and Policy (CIRP) at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio,

where she is still employed. Although she has been involved in a variety of pediatric injury-related research projects at CIRP over the years, Nichole specializes in public policy initiatives. In 2009, she was named Outstanding Health Educator of the Year by the Ohio Chapter of the Society for Public Health Education. Nichole has been published in a number of journals, including *Pediatrics*, *Pediatrics in Review*, *Clinical Pediatrics*, and *Academic Emergency Medicine*.

Nichole is a doctoral candidate at the Ohio State University College of Public Health, Division of Health Behavior and Promotion and currently serves as the Chair-elect of the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership. She also recently completed a term on the board of directors for the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research. Nichole lives in Westerville, Ohio, with her husband, two daughters, and an old lady cat named Hero.

Nichole credits Northwest Local Schools with providing her with a strong academic foundation and dedicated teachers who excelled at their profession. She would especially like to thank high school math teacher Mr. James Miller for believing she had potential even when her trigonometry grades suggested otherwise.



# High School Interact holds Food Drive



The high school’s Interact Club recently held a food drive in each school building in the district. Food from their collection was sent to SALT Box Ministries and other area food cupboards and shelters. Margie Morrison coordinated the community effort. The Interact advisor is Mr. Rick Woods.

# Jake makes a Difference

Students can make a difference, no matter what their age, and eleven-year-old Jake Whittington is a shining example of that. Two years ago, the Stinson fifth-grader decided to grow his hair so he could make a donation to a program that makes wigs for cancer patients. Recently, he had ten inches of his hair cut off for the cause.



Stinson Guidance Counselor Marcy McKendry calls Jake an inspiration to others: “What he did can inspire other kids to do kind acts for others.” Jake did say his one problem with having long hair was that his opponents would sometimes pull his hair during hockey games at Canton Center Ice. Not one to let that stop his mission, Jake plans to grow his hair again to make another donation. He smiles broadly and explains it simply, “Cancer patients lose their hair, and I can make a wig for someone.”



# National Honor Society gives back to Community

Twenty high school students, including current NHS members and several prospective members, worked for two hours gathering rubbish along the



towpath just north of Canal Fulton. Students collected ten bags of trash and recyclables, along with four discarded tires. The organization

plans to formally “adopt” a section of the towpath through Stark Parks “Adopt a Trail Program.” Ms. Heather Matoszkia is the advisor of the high school National Honor Society.

# SWORD Expanded

On Tuesday, October 14, senior students from Northwest worked in small groups throughout the school district as part of an expansion of the S.W.O.R.D. (Senior Work Out Reach Day) program that has been part of our community service activities for the past 16 years. This year’s SWORD includes both a fall and a spring date. The October 14th date focused on leaf-raking and yard clean-up for senior citizens living in the Northwest Local School District. This program is under the direction of Mr. Dave Orr.

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## Grandparents and VIP Night at Northwest Primary

Grandparent and VIP Nights were a great success at Northwest Primary School. Dr. Mike Shreffler, Mrs. Sandy Block and Ms. Julie Barkey attended the special evenings to read to the children and their guests. Nathan Stauffer, a guitarist and singer, provided the entertainment for the evening.



Grandparents and VIPs



Principal Jim LaRiccia and students.



Mrs. Sandy Block



Nathan Stauffer

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## MEET the CANAL FULTON ARTS COUNCIL

The Canal Fulton Arts Council is a new and an ambitious organization that has impressive goals. The mission of the Canal Fulton Arts Council is "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." Since the organization is relatively new, the members are working through the process that will give them status as a non-profit organization.

The Council has representatives who offer a variety of interests and talents. They are Dennis Downing, President and owner of Discover Canal Fulton website; Chuck Haas, Vice President and resident of Canal Fulton; James Dean, Treasurer and resident of Canal Fulton; Ken Roberts, Board Member and owner of the Warehouse on the Canal; Barb Forester, Board Member and the administrator for the Canal Fulton Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Mike Shreffler, Board Member and Superintendent of Northwest Schools; Rick White, Board Member and Director of Adult Vocational Services of Community Connections; David Van Gaasbeek, Canal Fulton resident and providing legal advice and founder of the Canal Fulton Players Theater; and Jeremy Graber, Board Member and owner of Envirocellular cell phone recycling company.

President Dennis Downing says the arts are essential to a community: "Because the arts and entertainment is tied to not only the quality of life amenity for a community, it is also tied to economic development and tourism where we work with the Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors'

Bureau, Arts in Stark and the Canal Fulton Chamber of Commerce. As the organization grows, so will the different affiliations and associations."

If you wish to become involved with this exciting new program, call Dennis Downing at (330) 854-5530 or email at [dennis@discovercanalfulton.com](mailto:dennis@discovercanalfulton.com).

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# Shanren comes to Puffenberger November 20

Northwest Local Schools will welcome yet another ensemble to Puffenberger Hall in November, a concert made possible through the Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach (ORMACO).

Concert-goers will experience the joyful music of Shanren—literally “mountain men.” Hailing from ethnic minority groups who live in the beautiful mountains of Yunnan and Guizhou provinces, this Chinese folk-fusion band presents the rich but largely unknown heritage of Southwestern China. Through original compositions and traditional songs, the four musicians fuse their indigenous music with modern styles from around the globe, creating a fresh sound in China’s increasingly diverse music scene. Since its founding in 2000, Shanren has earned critical and popular acclaim at major music festivals in China, Indonesia, New Zealand, Japan, Australia, Canada, and Spain.



“We’re thrilled to have another Arts Midwest World Fest group coming to our area. We’ve already hosted groups from Québec and Israel and look forward now to experiencing Shanren’s music and culture,” says Thomas Sigel, Executive Director of ORMACO. “It’s not something we get to hear and enjoy very often. Shanren will visit many schools, libraries and community locations during the week and present two full public concerts as well. We expect this residency will be a delightful experience for everyone.”

Shanren will perform a concert Thursday, November 20, for Northwest Middle School students at 1:00 p.m., and a public concert will take place at 7 p.m. at Puffenberger Hall. Another local concert will be held Saturday, November 22, at 8 p.m. at Highland High School. Advanced tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 330-722-2541 or online at [www.ormaco.org](http://www.ormaco.org). Tickets may also be purchased at the Northwest Local Schools office at 2309 Locust Street South.

## ACC: Athletic Charitable Committee

Bingo will start on Wednesday, November 12th, in the Stinson cafeteria.

Boys and girls basketball boosters will hold a Night at the Races November 22, 2014, at the Elm Ridge Party Center in Canal Fulton. A \$30 ticket will get you into the event for dinner, dessert and open bar.

### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

ACC – first Sunday of each month, 5:00 p.m. at HS Commons

Runners Club – third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at HS in room 107

Touchdown Club –first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at VFW

Takedown Club – first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at VFW

Northwest Cheer Association – first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in HS Home Ec

Lady Indians Basketball Boosters – second Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. in MS Library

Lady Indians Soccer – second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in MS Library

Girls Softball Boosters – third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Grayce Ann’s Family Restaurant

Diamond Club – first Sunday of each month, 6:00 p.m. in HS Commons ([www.nwindiansbaseball.com](http://www.nwindiansbaseball.com))

## Show School Spirit and Support the Band

The Northwest Bands are selling drawstring backpacks. These bags are a great way to show your Tribe Pride. Each bag is emblazoned with Northwest Indians and the school logo in the center of the bag. Bags can be purchased in the main office of every school building or in the middle school and high school band rooms. The bag is only \$10.

## Meet the 2014-15 Choir

The Northwest Choir under the direction of our new Vocal Music Director Douglas Beery will make its debut this season October 16 at its Harvest Dinner/ Kickoff Concert at 7:00 p.m. in Puffenberger Hall. Mrs. JoAnn Pitzer and her husband have moved out of state, and we will miss her. We are fortunate to have the talented Mr. Douglas Beery join us.



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## NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS



**Cassidy Spencer**

President of Student Council, Teen Institute and National Honor Society, Cassidy is also Captain of the Cheerleading squad. She says her activities have taught her how to compromise and how to deal with different types of people. She says Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Rick Woods have impacted her life.



**Brian Belles**

Brian is Captain of the soccer team, a member of the basketball team and an office worker. He says, "Coach Lower has taught me to be as best as possible right now, so I have nothing to regret in the future. Always give 100% in what you do."



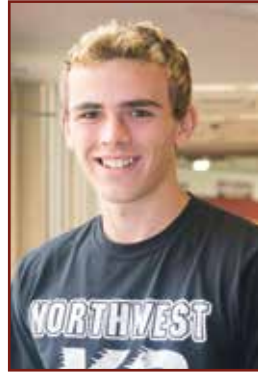
**Kennedy Rutt**

An office worker and a member of Student Council and the soccer team, "I have learned that taking the path less traveled results in amazing opportunities." Kennedy says, "Sue Baer has taught me to be calm and collected in difficult situations."



**Kyle Murgatroyd**

Kyle is the AV President as well as a library aide and defensive leader of the soccer team. Leadership has taught him to deal with issues and help people and how to work for the common good of all. He credits Chuck King for teaching him "that being a stand-up citizen is more important than winning."



**Burke Kepley**

Presently a senior on the cross country team, Burke has distinguished himself as the lead runner for the 400 meter run, and the 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 relays. He believes "Being part of a team is a great experience and a chance to help others improve and be someone that others look up to." He credits David Casalinova as the person who helped motivate him to be the athlete he is today.



**Grace Stockert**

Grace is the Vice-President of National Honor Society and President of The Udder Bunch 4-H Club. She is also an office worker and a member of the marching band leadership team. Leadership has taught her "that everyone's opinion matters and that a team works better than one person alone. Grace says Shane Minne' and Mr. Stump have impacted her life greatly.



**Kelley Smith**

President of Interact, Kelley is also a Student Council representative and a Repository Teen Board member. She says, "Sue Baer and Rick Woods have influenced my life in many ways. Mrs. Baer has helped me get out of my shell and think in a positive way. Mr. Woods has shown me how much one person can do to help people. I am proud to be able to stand up to lead."

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