

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

110 Tippet Court
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

STANDARD MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
DELAWARE, OHIO
PERMIT NO. 19

*****ECRWSSDDM*****

LOCAL
POSTAL CUSTOMER

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Eagle Examiner



DECEMBER 2019

Our mission is to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential.



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANGIE HAMBERG

Season's Greetings! By the time this edition reaches you, our winter break will be just around the corner. On behalf of our staff and administration, I wish you a joyful holiday filled with family, friends and lots of relaxation.

During this holiday season, I continue to be grateful for the many community groups that support our students in a variety of ways. This month, I want to recognize the dedicated members of our Academic Advisory Council. This group, formed in 2016, currently includes 32 members and is made up of an even mix of community and staff members. The group has helped guide many academic decisions over the past few years, including: 2020 Vision, BW Health and Wellness curriculum, Curriculum Night, Schoology, Areas of Study, Keys to Success, and college and career course offerings.

Currently, the group is helping create our Big Walnut Portrait of a Graduate. We are working to incorporate the committee's work with input from a community survey, to design a vision for what skills and traits the community wants our graduates to possess.

Finally, I know many of you have inquired about our 2020-21 school calendar. We typically have the calendar Board-approved by now, but with construction, we are waiting until after the holidays for final approval. The reason we have pushed this a bit later than usual is to make sure the new elementary building is under roof by January as this could affect our start date. We have a draft of the calendar, which will be presented to the Board for a first reading at the December 12 meeting. Our hope is to approve the calendar at the January 16 Board of Education meeting.



Academic Advisory Council

(Back) Angie Holmes, Jack Russell, Andy Jados, Anne Baldwin, Jeff Collette, Kaci Fox, Angie Hamberg, Tara Shelby, Christina McDonough, Christy Bryant, Mark Cooper, Lisa House, Jen Young, Amanda Statler(Middle) Liana Lee, Jill Schneider, Kaylee Holliday, Julie Varughese, Lauren Marter(Front) Wendy Austin, Laura Coulson, Mike McGann, Paul Dillon

THE BWHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT

presents

THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (ABRIDGED)

FREE matinee for senior citizens & student award winners

WHEN: January 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: BWHS Auditorium



Additional dates will be on

January 30 & February 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Adult tickets: \$10 Student/senior tickets: \$8

Purchase tickets on the BWHS website or at the door



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Brad Schneider



Andy Wecker, Mindy Meyer, President Brad Schneider, Doug Crowl, Vice President Liana Lee

"Changes aren't permanent, but change is." It's one of my favorite lyrics from one of my favorite songs of all time.

This article is all about changes coming to our Board in the next few weeks. Andy Wecker and Mindy Meyer

will be stepping away from the Board at the end of December. In January, we will welcome Sherri Dorsch and Steve Fujii.

Another lyric from the same song refers to the main character as "always hopeful but discontent." I don't know if I could find a phrase that could better describe Andy Wecker. Andy is consistently optimistic for the future of our District, but is never satisfied and never settles. His knowledge of development issues and focus on developing opportunities for all students beyond the typical college experience have been invaluable and inspiring.

Mindy has been a tireless public servant who is relentless in advocating for the best of everything for our kids: the best opportunities, the best experiences, the best staff to engage them, the best facilities to house them, and the best support staff

to help them reach their maximum potential. Mindy is a passionate advocate, and her energy and devotion will be difficult to replicate.

Andy and Mindy are two dedicated leaders from whom I have learned immeasurably. I don't know that we can truly replace them. I want to thank them for their years of service. I also want to thank their families, as few people know how much they have sacrificed to allow us to enjoy the talents of Andy and Mindy.

I look forward to welcoming Sherri and Steve to the Board in January. Both have been advocates for the District in their own ways. We will find ways to incorporate their professional and personal experiences to continue the mission of governance and guidance in which you have always entrusted us.



CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY

sunburycleaners.com

Find us on Facebook!

23 W. Granville St.
Sunbury, OH
740-965-3046

6152 Highland Lakes
Genoa Twp.
614-891-1910



Serving the local community for over 70 years!

Your locally owned and operated family business for...

WASH AND FOLD	DRY CLEANING
ALTERATIONS	DELIVERY SERVICE
SAME DAY SERVICE	COIN LAUNDRY

SUNBURY LOCATION ONLY

...and much more!



FREE!

CAR SEAT SAFETY INSPECTION EVENT

Wednesday
Jan. 15, 2020
4pm-7pm

B.S.T. & G Fire District
350 W. Cherry Street
Sunbury, OH

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

CALL
740-203-2079

DelawareHealth.org



Digital Content at the Community Library

Should you find yourself with the latest smartphone or tablet this holiday season, the Community Library in Sunbury has you covered. We provide a plethora of digital content for your mobile devices. These titles are free, and we have a little something for everyone.

For those who love reading, try Libby and Hoopla. Libby provides access to 150,000 titles through the Ohio Digital Library, and Hoopla has close to 350,000 titles. Or, beat the busyness this holiday season and check out an audiobook. Libby and Hoopla have collections of 35,000 and 76,000 digital audiobooks, respectively.

Need a quick diversion? Plan your next vacation or find a holiday recipe in one of our digital magazines. Browse through a variety of topics including cooking, sports, news, and travel in one of Libby's 60 magazine titles or RBDigital's 40 magazine titles.

In addition to reading material, you can also access other media, like movies or music, through Hoopla. Hoopla has nearly 16,000 movies and television shows to choose from. Likewise, access over 250,000 full-length albums, ranging from classic Hank Williams to the latest Taylor Swift.

The best part about Hoopla, Libby, and RBDigital is they are all free and can be found on the Community Library's website at <https://www.yourcl.org>. The individual apps for your mobile device can be downloaded through Google Play and the Apple App Store. What is more, if you have streaming media players, such as Chromecast, FireTV, or Roku, you can install Hoopla to watch movies on your TV from the comfort of your couch. While each of these services are free, you must have a Community Library membership to access

this great content. Visit <https://register.yourcl.org> to sign up for a card today.

We hope these free services make your holiday season jolly and bright. Have questions or need help getting an account or downloading apps? Contact us at 740-965-3901, info@yourcl.org or stop in the library at 44 Burrer Drive in Sunbury. Have a joyous and safe holiday.



This space was paid for by the Community Library.

2020 VISION

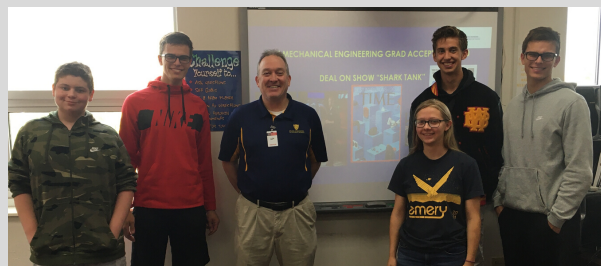
ONE MORE YEAR UNTIL OUR VISION BECOMES OUR CULTURE

A college student on average changes his or her major 3 times before graduation. This statistic is a driving force behind Big Walnut High School's goal to provide more exposure to career paths for our students. This year, BWHS started Career Conversations. Each week, students can sign up to listen to and interact with professionals from a variety of careers. Christina McDonough, social studies teacher and senior advisor at BWHS, organizes each week's speakers; she also facilitates the conversations to make sure students leave knowing:

- what a typical day looks like in that career
- what type of person would excel at that career
- what training, credentials, or degree is needed for that career

During the first few months of school, students have heard from a pediatrician, a biologist, an accountant, a physical therapist, a digital marketing and media specialist, an engineer, a construction-regional operations manager, a firefighter, a sports performance analyst, a furniture sales and design specialist, a video game developer/instructor, a sports journalist, a hospital administrator, and a nutrition store owner.

The 2020 Vision centers around ensuring students are successful in the 21st century. The BWHS Career Conversations program provides opportunities for students to connect with professionals, while introducing them to a multitude of career paths so that they feel confident in what they can do and how they can succeed after graduating from Big Walnut High School.



Career Conversations program provides an opportunity for students to be exposed to multiple careers



Personalize



Engage



Grow

IN OUR NEXT EDITION STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

The 2019-2020 State of the Schools event will be an Instagram-style, pictorial edition in our January edition of *The Eagle Examiner*.

The same day it's delivered to homes, we will be releasing additional posts to supplement the edition on social media.



BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS & GUIDE

2b

www.2bclothes.com



2b_clothes



**free
shipping
& returns**

Wear it, wash it. If you
don't love it, return it.

At 2b, we are creating a twist on school apparel. Our design approach merges fashion influence and school spirit with a goal of every student feeling included.

**Order by Dec. 23 for guaranteed
Christmas delivery***

*Only for orders within Big Walnut School District



Call or email for details

PROTECTION FOR WHAT'S NOW, AND WHAT'S NEXT.

Your dream has many moving parts — and we can protect them all! Bundle your home and auto policies to save, and add on life insurance to opt for convenience, so you can keep dreaming towards what's next.

Let's talk about your insurance needs today.

BUNDLE AND SAVE! 🏠 + 🚗 + ❤️



James Hildreth, Agent

37 E Granville St

Sunbury, OH 43074

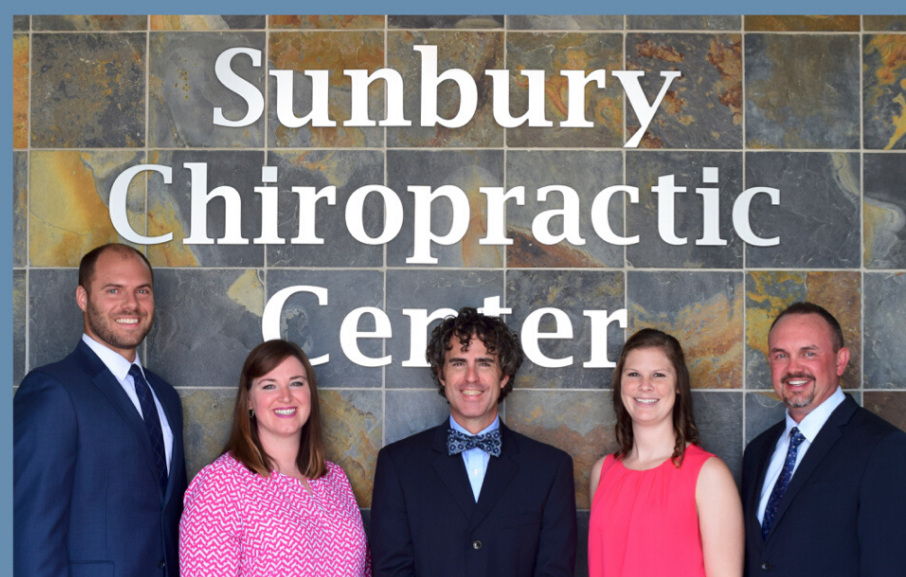
Bus: (740) 965-6010

Access Anytime:

1-800-MYAMFAM (800-692-6326)



American Family Mutual Insurance Company S.I. & its Operating Companies,
American Family Insurance Company, Life insurance products underwritten by
American Family Life Insurance Company, 6000 American Parkway,
Madison, WI 53783 ©2019 015967 – 2/19 – 10652035



Our team of skilled and respected chiropractors — Dr. Aaron Erndt, Dr. Gabe Mendenhall, Dr. Jeff Willoughby, Dr. Amanda Golden, and Dr. A. Renee Allen — look forward to helping you on your path to wellness using natural healing techniques. Our office, founded by Dr. Tom Erndt, has been active in the Sunbury, Ohio community for over 38 years. We effectively utilize state-of-the-art chiropractic techniques and rehabilitative treatments to restore proper spinal function and maximize the body's natural healing ability. We offer: Wellness Chiropractic Care, Family Practice, Personal Injury, Worker's Compensation, Massage Therapy, Sports Physicals, Nutrition Consultation, Orthotics, and more. Please contact us Monday through Saturday at 740-965-4301 to set up an appointment and learn how chiropractic care can help you!

123 State Route 3 Sunbury, OH 43074 740-965-4301

www.sunburychiropractic.com



FOCUS ON STUDENT WELLNESS



Justin Plummer
Mental Health Specialist

As a new addition to the Big Walnut staff, my responsibility is to support staff and help students with their mental health. Mental health, along with physical health, allows us to function on a daily basis and allows for a greater sense of well-being. Integrating physical health and mental health makes us more able to handle the daily stressors that are part of our lives. This column allows me to share with parents ways they can help their children practice positive mental health.

IDEAS TO PUT INTO PRACTICE AT HOME

How can we maintain positive mental health? In my experience, mental health tools that increase hope are the most effective; hope that things will get better, or hope things will change, is a powerful tool in managing mental health. Change is also a powerful tool to assist in managing mental health. If something is in our control, then change it. If not in our control, learn to accept it the best we can. The simple act of doing things differently can have a major positive impact on our daily lives and our overall quality of life.

If I could give one piece of advice when speaking with your children, it would be to pay attention to their mental health by asking them what they need to do to be the best possible version of themselves. Then, keep providing them with hope that those changes will make their lives better. Remember, I am here to help. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns: justinplummer@bwls.net. My favorite mental health statement for positive change is: I will do one thing better today than yesterday and do one thing better tomorrow than today.



24-Hour Support and Information Hotline

1.800.684.2324

text helpline to 898211 or www.dmmhrs.org

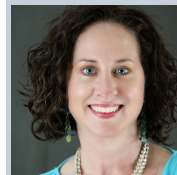
Because kids don't come with manuals and parents need support.

Confidential Help for Any Reason, Anytime

- » Alcohol, Drugs or Substance Abuse
- » Thoughts of Suicide or Self-harm
- » Bullying or Shaming
- » Stress and Anxiety
- » Depression, Grief or Loss
- » Parenting Issues
- » Emergency Food or Housing Needs

**Delaware-Morrow Mental Health
& Recovery Services Board**
Supporting Wellness. Building Hope. Transforming Lives.

INCLUSION IN OUR COMMUNITY



Erin Curtis
Student Services
Coordinator

The Big Walnut Local School District provides extended learning experiences for students with special needs participating in the Specialized Learning Centers (SLC) at General Rosecrans Elementary (GRE). The SLC provides a more comprehensive and structured curriculum focusing on the state extended standards. With the location of GRE, the students have been able to take walking field trips to the nearby Kroger, McDonald's, Dairy Queen and Tim Hortons.

Often times, students with disabilities have a difficult time navigating within communities. It can be hard to place an order at a restaurant if you are nonverbal or maybe the environment doesn't allow for the sensory issues that you may experience in unfamiliar settings. Casandra Nigl, the teacher who works diligently with our students to better prepare them for independence within the community settings, shared, "Our trips in the community are great learning experiences, not just for the students, but for our community partners as well. Employees of the local establishments are able to take an order from a student using alternative communication or see how we assist our students with de-escalating when they are feeling overwhelmed."

Some ways in which community partners are providing support for individuals with different needs include picture menus and choice boards for ordering, as well as digital apps for ordering on the go. Many businesses also offer employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in learning more about how your local business can better support individuals with disabilities, please contact Erin Curtis at erincurtis@bwls.net.



Pictured above: Aaron is pointing to pictures to tell the cashier at Tim Hortons what he would like to order



Pictured to the left: Leila is using her Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) device to place her order



CRITICAL LEVY RENEWAL ON MARCH 17 BALLOT



Treasurer
Jeremy Buskirk

Big Walnut's Board of Education approved the necessary resolutions at the October and November meetings to place the renewal of our current substitute levy on the ballot for the March 17, 2020 primary election. This is not a new levy for Big Walnut, but due to it being set to expire on December 31, 2020, the approval by our community is required to allow our school district to continue receiving

these funds. The revenues provided are vital to our operations since they account for approximately 12% of our current overall operating revenues. These resources are a part of what our district needs to continue providing our current educational model now and in the future.

The Delaware County Auditor certified that this levy would collect an estimated \$5,326,318 and have a rate of 5.45 mills. With this information, it is estimated that it will continue to generate \$191 of revenue for our district per \$100,000 of market value, while costing residents an anticipated \$167 per \$100,000 of market value. The difference in these amounts is due to the proposed substitute levy still qualifying for state tax reimbursements for all residents, and it is

the last levy we have that provides this benefit. Because the state is phasing out these reimbursements on all new levies, we can only keep these funds on renewal levies. If approved, we would be able to secure continued aid by the State of Ohio equating to approximately 12.5% of the cost of this ballot issue. In addition to helping us continue providing our current educational services, this is another example of why this is an important item for both our school district and the community.

Market Value	\$100,000
Assessed Value (35% of Market)	\$35,000
Certified Mills (1 mill is 1/10 of a cent)	5.45
Funds provided per \$100,000	\$191
State tax reimbursements still provided	(\$24)
Current & anticipated cost per \$100,000 to a resident	\$167



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Director of Facilities
Doug Swartz

With 2019 coming to a close, we wanted to provide a few construction schedule updates for the new Prairie Run Elementary (PRE) and the new high school.

PRAIRIE RUN ELEMENTARY

- Exterior concrete masonry walls are 100% complete
- Exterior brick veneer is 50% complete
- Structural steel is 95% complete
- Roof sheathing is 95% complete
- Roof membrane is 10% complete
- Interior floor slabs 100% complete

The big push at this time is getting the new PRE facility under roof as we head into the first quarter of 2020. Completion of this activity will allow the construction team to begin interior work in order to meet our August 2020 completion date.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Building pad is 100% complete
- Building perimeter foundation work is 50% complete

Check out our website at bwls.net for more photos and updates on the construction project.



PRE view of extended learning space in the 1st/2nd grade classroom wing



PRE view from student dining into the gym—the beam will support a movable partition wall

THANK YOU, **VETERANS!**



Big Walnut Elementary students shake veterans' hands



Big Walnut Middle School students provide entertainment during their breakfast for veterans



Harrison Street Elementary students sing the national anthem around the flag pole



Big Walnut High School choir students share a patriotic song



General Rosecrans Elementary has a packed house for its Veterans Day program



Big Walnut Intermediate School students honor veterans with a special breakfast

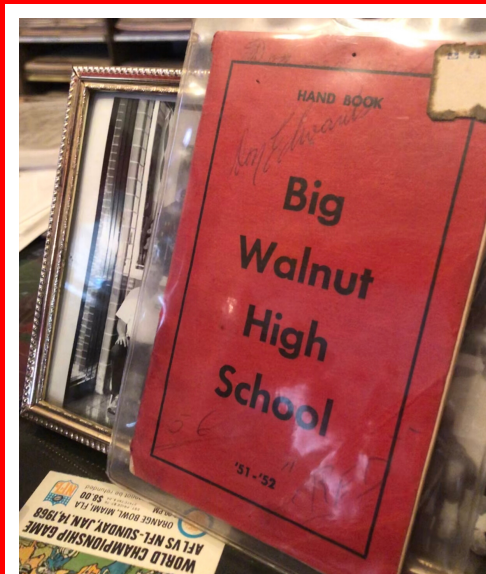
← CONNECTIONS TO THE PAST

Artifacts and Stories from the Red Edwards' Big Walnut Museum



Don "Red" Edwards

This month's artifact is the 1951-1952 Big Walnut High School handbook, which looks very different from the digital one used today



A Hylen Souders Elementary student helps fold the flag