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Helping our kids climb higher

School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. It is time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.

Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make.

Too often we forget about the important role school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people we know ... people who are our neighbors.

Too often we forget that, in the tradition of a representative democracy, school board members are our connection to influencing how our public schools are governed.

Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision.

Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

We can begin to correct these oversights this January, which is School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for our schools.

The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable educational program for all students.

The school board is accountable to the public. It is responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public schools is providing a good return on the investment. Thus, the board oversees regular assessment of the district's students, staff and programs.

The school board also is a strong advocate for public schools and is responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

In January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member his or her hard work has been noticed and is very much appreciated.

Evergreen Local Schools Board of Education for 2008:

President – Julie Carter

V. President – Greg Creque

Member – Gary Pennington

Member – Heather Rade

Member – Jack Carson

Keith Truckor

Re-elected

to the board of trustees for the Ohio Farm Bureau

Mr. Keith Truckor, Metamora, was re-elected to the board of trustees for the Ohio Farm Bureau at the annual meeting of the organization in late November 2007. Mr. Truckor begins his 4th - three year term as trustee representing 4,363 Ohio Farm Bureau members in Fulton, William, Henry and Defiance Counties.

While serving on the Board of Trustees for the Ohio Farm Bureau, Mr. Truckor currently chaired the Organization Committee, has served on the Public Policy Committee and currently served on the OFBF "Enhancing the Vision" task force. Mr. Truckor serves on the American Farm Bureau Federation wheat advisory committee. Mr. Truckor will also serve as a delegate to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting January 13 - 16, 2008 to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Ohio Farm Bureau and Illinois Farm Bureau will go to Viet Nam on a trade mission from Feb. 28- March 10, 2008.

Mr. Truckor will be part of the delegation on this trade mission.

Mr. Norm Bratton, Sr. of rural Delta, Ohio received the Ohio Farm Bureau's Distinguished service Award. He was recognized at the Ohio Farm Bureau annual meeting Nov. 29-30, 2007 in Columbus. Mr. Bratton has been a Fulton County Farm

Bureau member since 1950. He and his wife Jeanne served as farm bureau youth advisors for 20 years. Mr. Bratton has been actively involved in the Fulton Co. Farm Bureau serving on the county board of trustees and holding various positions over the years most recently being government affairs chair. Mr. Bratton has been a faithful supporter of the Fulton County Farm Bureau and his diligence with the organization and purpose makes him well deserving of this special award.

Lucas County Board of Elections Needs Pollworkers

The Lucas County Board of Elections needs Registered Democrats and Republicans to work as Poll Workers for the March and November Elections.

Poll worker applications may be obtained by calling 419-213-2640 (Democrat) or 419-213-2630 (Republican) or on the website at: www.lucascountyvotes.org.

The base pay for the day is \$95.00 plus \$10.00 for training.

Qualifications"

- 17 yr. old High School Senior or older
- Registered Voter in Lucas County
- Able to lift 40 pounds
- Have own transportation
- Working Telephone
- Never been convicted of a felony

Primary Elections

March 4

What exactly is a Primary Election?

Why do I have to claim a Party affiliation?

Why do I have to show identification?

These are the 3 most asked questions the pollworkers will hear this year when the voters go to the polls on March 4.

What is a Primary Election?

The Primary gives the voter 3 ballot choices

The **FIRST** ballot choice is the Democratic Party asking their members to elect a candidate they want to represent them as the President of the United States to run against the Republican Party.

The **SECOND** ballot choice is the Republican Party asking their members to elect a candidate to run against the Democratic Party.

So the Question is, which ballot do you wish to receive?

In telling the pollworker which one you want they will give you the proper ballot.

If you don't wish to vote the Democratic or Republican ballot you can vote on the issues only. Ask the pollworker for the issues only ballot.

The **THIRD** ballot choice is for the local issues.

Please have with you your current Identification, Ohio Revised Code sec. 3505.18 states that the voter must

- 1) announce their full name
- 2) give current address
- 3) Provide current proof of their identity!

Photo Identification

1) Ohio Driver's license displaying the voter's name and current address, which must conform to the name and address listed in the Signature book.

2) State of Ohio Photo Identification Card, displaying voter's name and current address.

3) Military Identification Card or any card issued by the United States Government with voter's name and current address.

4) An original or copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or any government document showing voter's name and current address. This form of identification can not be more than 12 months old.

To help make your day a pleasant day at the polls please be prepared with these items.

Village of Berkey Financial Report

The Annual Village of Berkey financial report for 2007 is complete and available for review at the office of the clerk/treasurer. Contact Bucky at 419-829-3810

ATTENTION ALL 8th GRADERS & PARENTS!

All incoming freshmen and their parents who are planning to attend Evergreen High School for the 2008-09 school year are invited to attend an orientation meeting. This meeting regarding entrance into the high school, course offerings, student schedules, athletics and registration will take place on Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm in the Evergreen High School gym. Mark your calendars!

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