

# Evergreen Community News

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## Congratulations Katelyn Fauble!



Katelyn Fauble, an Evergreen High School senior, has been named a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the Evergreen School Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, has been presented to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Katelyn is the daughter of Mark and Jennifer Fauble of Delta, OH.

## Heart Radiothon

*By Superintendent Jim Wyse*

In mid-January Rich Batdorf called and asked if I would participate as a disc jockey for the Fulton County Heart Radiothon. Although I have NO experience in radio broadcasting, I wholeheartedly said YES. Why would someone with “no on air experience” even consider going on the Archbold Radio Station (96.1, WMTR) to help with this event? Well, only because I am fully aware of the impact that the Radiothon has upon our immediate and surrounding communities. The people of Fulton County have a 35-year history of supporting this event, which supplies crucial funding for many service-oriented organizations in Fulton County, such as the Fulton County E.M.S., the Fulton County Heath Center, and all of our Fulton County Schools. Some of the money raised from the Radiothon provides cholesterol screening for high school students and places automatic external defibrillators in strategic locations throughout our county, which includes all of our school buildings.

I look forward to being a small part of this philanthropic event, which is scheduled for February 11, 2010. Approximately 37 guest disc jockeys and 90 volunteers will participate in the Radiothon, which begins at 6:00 AM and lasts until midnight. Our goal is to raise \$33,850 in order to provide heart-related equipment and basic heart health testing and education for students and the general public. Would you please consider making a pledge to help us reach our goal? I am scheduled to be on the air from 3:00 – 4:00 PM, and would love to hear from many of our Evergreen staff and community members during this time. Since all of the money raised stays right at home in Fulton County and is tax deductible, I am confident our goal will be met through the generosity of our listeners.

## Wind Power

*By Superintendent Jim Wyse*

Evergreen Schools are exploring the possibility of harnessing wind power to generate electricity and reduce our carbon footprint. At our January 11, 2010 Board meeting, representatives from SurEnergy gave a presentation on the economic and educational benefits that a wind turbine would provide for Evergreen.

To summarize their presentation, a wind turbine would: (1) help us meet a new mandate to reduce our electrical usage, (2) reduce our electrical costs slightly over the short term, with significant savings after 10 years, (3) place Evergreen in a position to take advantage of additional technologies that generate energy or reduce our consumption, and (4) provide a “hands-on” learning environment for our students.

Involving students in learning about how various decisions impact the environment is beneficial for them, as well as teachers and other adults. New ways to solve environmental concerns are often generated from students, since they have a unique way of looking at them. Currently Evergreen has Cameron Courtyard, located between the Middle School and High School, which is used for outdoor learning, and our Elementary Staff is also planning new ways to use the nearby retention pond as a learning lab. A wind turbine on our site would provide yet another outdoor learning opportunity for our students in one of the fastest growing technologies, Green Energy.

Locally several schools in Fulton County (Archbold, Pettisville, and Gorham Fayette) are in various stages of constructing their own wind turbine. As with most projects of this magnitude, there are many obstacles that must be overcome in order to proceed. Two significant hurdles facing Evergreen in constructing a wind turbine are: (1) financing, and (2) public acceptance of a wind turbine on school grounds.

Evergreen Local Schools may receive grant funding that allows us to proceed, with payments made from our energy savings. Should this grant be accepted, the most important hurdle to be answered is: How does the Evergreen Community feel about constructing a wind turbine on our school grounds? If you would like to share your comments about the possibility of utilizing the wind to reduce our school district’s operational expenses, please email me at: [Evergreen\\_s@nwoca.org](mailto:Evergreen_s@nwoca.org)

## Hunt of a Lifetime Foundation



Blake Walters, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Evergreen Elementary, was granted a wish from the Hunt of a Lifetime Foundation. Hunt of a Lifetime is a nonprofit charity that arranges and pays for a dream hunting trip for boys and girls with a life threatening illness. Blake and his parents traveled to Montana to participate in a mule deer hunting trip. Blake is pictured with his dad.

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