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January is School Board Recognition Month

As citizens who serve children and their communities, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities. All Ohioans should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the crucial role these elected public officials play in the education of our children. They make a difference for students.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, assure schools are accountable to the community and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. That job entails an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals and other information to read and study; and a host of difficult decisions to make.

School board members come from all walks of life. They are farmers, secretaries, doctors, lawyers, homemakers, teachers, architects, truck drivers, professors, business owners and real estate agents, to name just a few.

While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to the business of leading their school districts. Board members must pull together as a team toward a common goal — helping students achieve. While they may individually disagree on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive toward that goal.

Board members contribute hundreds and hundreds of hours each year leading their districts. Whether crafting policies, hiring topnotch administrators, listening to staff and student concerns, or recognizing outstanding programs, board members always keep their eyes on the prize of student achievement.

The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members devote to leading their districts. They also work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities, and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events.

Their love of learning, and concern and caring for students, staff and the community, drive board members' desire to lead so students can achieve.

In recognition of this service, January is designated School Board Recognition Month. Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland has lent his support by declaring the month of January School Board Recognition Month in our state. Evergreen Board Members are Julie Carter, Heather Rade, Jack Carson, Greg Creque and Gary Pennington.

New Rule Changes for Fulton County Jr. Fair 4-H & FFA Steer and Feeder Calf Exhibitors

Recently, the Fulton County Livestock Sale Committee agreed to require ALL Dairy Steers, Market Steers, Born & Raised Steers, Dairy & Beef Feeder Calves to be electronically ear tagged and to have a Retinal Eye Scan to be eligible to be shown at the 2008 Fulton County Fair.

If your dairy or beef feeder calf was tagged last year and you are bringing it back as a fat steer to the fair in 2008, you will need to bring it to the Steer Tag Day for the tag to be read *or* if you purchase a calf to feed out to a fat steer, you will need to bring it to the Fulton County Fairgrounds to have it electronically tagged and recorded. **Steer Tag day is Saturday, January 12, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Fulton County Fairgrounds** beef breeding building. This is a mandatory tag-in and retinal scan for all steers to be eligible to show at the 2008 Fulton County Fair. **The steer must be tagged and retina scanned on January 12th even if the exhibitor cannot be present.** All animals must be haltered in order to be tagged and scanned. All steers must be in possession by January 1, 2008.

Each exhibitor will be allowed to tag and retinal scan **two** steers for each project. For example, an exhibitor could tag-in two born & raised steers, two market steers,

and/or two dairy steers, if they are enrolled in these projects. However, an exhibitor may only enter one animal for each project in the 2008 Fulton County Junior Fair.

The Fulton County Feeder Calf Tag-In Day will be held on Saturday, June 7, at the Fulton County Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Each exhibitor will be allowed to tag and retinal scan two dairy feeders and two beef feeders for each project carried; however, only one animal will be allowed to weigh-in and show in each category at the fair. All animals must be haltered. All feeder calves must be in possession by June 1, 2008. Beef and dairy feeder calves still need to be a March calf to make weight for fair.

For more information, contact the Fulton County 4-H Extension Educator, Jill Stechschulte, at the OSU Extension Office, 419-337-9210.

Evergreen Board Of Education Notice Of Tax Budget Hearing

Notice is hereby given, that there will be a tax budget hearing for Evergreen Local School District, Fulton County, Ohio, at the Evergreen board Office located at Evergreen Middle School on January 7, 2008 at 10:00 am. The tax budget will be reviewed at that time.

Denise K. Leu
Interim Treasurer

Two Board of Education Members Step Down

The December 10, 2007 meeting of the Evergreen Local Board of Education was the last for two of its members.

Mrs. Susan Murry has served on the Evergreen Board of Education for the past four years and Mr. Robert Keller has served the district as a Board of Education member for the past twelve years. Both Mrs. Murry and Mr. Keller have been excellent board members who always put the students first in their decision process.

Mrs. Murry was a strong supporter and provided a great deal of leadership for the implementation of the school districts Wellness Program.

With twelve years of service on the board Mr. Keller provided great leadership for the building of the high school, elementary school, remodeling of the old high school for the present middle school and was an important support of the recently completed track/stadium and concession stand project.

Both Mrs. Murry and Mr. Keller along with the other board members were instrumental in providing the support and means for the Evergreen Schools to be rated "Excellent" by the State Department of Education.

Both Sue and Bob will be missed, but we are very appreciative of too the students and residents of the Evergreen Local Schools. Below both Mrs. Murry and Mr. Keller are receiving plaques of appreciation for their service to the school district from Board President Gary Pennington and Superintendent Ken Jones.



Evergreen Board of Education's Organizational Meeting

The Evergreen Board of Education's organizational meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2008 at 6:45 p.m. in the Loren Pennington Learning Center located in the High School. The regular meeting will follow.

2008 Ohio State Fair Information for Market Steer Exhibitors

All exhibitors who wish to exhibit a market steer at the 2008 Ohio State Fair must have their steers and market heifers nose printed. Steer nose print cards and information letters are available at the OSU Extension Office - Fulton County, 8770 State Route 108, Suite A, Wauseon. Nose print cards must be completely filled out, including parent and Extension Educator signatures. **All nose print cards must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2008.** If you have any questions, contact Jill Stechschulte, Fulton County 4-H Extension Educator, at 419-337-9210

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!

IMPORTANT GRADE CARD INFORMATION

In an effort to be consistent with Evergreen Middle and High School, grade cards will be distributed to the students on January 8, 2008. They will not be mailed home during the break.

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