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Evergreen Local School District Property Taxes Reduced

Evergreen School Treasurer, Linda Kidwell, working with Robert Baird and Associates led the way to "refinance" the existing bonds for the High School that were issued in 1999. By refunding the 1999 Bonds and issuing new bonds through 2024, the District will realize a savings of \$1.1 million in interest payments. This savings allows the Fulton County Auditor to reduce the present tax rate used to pay the principal and interest on these bonds. The County Auditor is presently levying 7.03 mills on taxable property for the High School bond issue. As a result of refinancing these bonds, the Auditor will reduce this tax rate to 6.3 mills, a reduction of .73 mills. This reduction will save property owners in the Evergreen School District \$1.1 million over the next 20 years. This tax reduction will take place with the February 2006 tax bills.

Hurricane Victim Fundraiser



Principal Tom Shafer presenting a check to Red Cross Executive Director Liana Baldwin. Also pictured are teachers Lori Cobb, Helen Weese, Sue Nowowiejski, local disaster board members Jennifer McCullough, Ed Gajdostik, James Gillen, James Koelsh and bill Kirkendall, along with members of the EMS NJHS and Student Council.

Evergreen Middle School students recently held a fundraiser for the Hurricane Katrina victims. A monetary contest between classrooms, a raffle, a bake sale and a dance-a-thon were all part of the fundraiser. A goal of \$1,000 dollars was set

The classroom contest was sponsored by the EMS Student Council. A significant amount of donated money came in during this week long contest, with the winning classroom getting a prize.

The raffle was the idea of Miss Wilson and her student teacher, Miss Clairborne.

Some of the 7th grade Art sections put together a painting by Walinsky. The finished product was framed and raffled off during the dance-a-thon. The painting was a outstanding and was won by one of our local students.

The bake sale was sponsored by the middle school chapter of the NJHS. Many parents donated baked goods and these items were sold during the dance-a-thon. The delicious treats raised a significant amount of money toward the school goal.

The dance-a-thon was also a big hit. Soundwave Mobile Sound donated two hours of their time to help with the fundraiser. The cost for our DJ was paid by a corporate donor. Refreshments were provided. Several parents donated their time and their cooking skills to assist with the refreshments.

A huge thank you goes out to Deputy Nick Rubel who donated his time to assist us at the dance.

After a fun night of community spirit and school pride, Evergreen Middle School raised \$2,000 dollars, doubling the original goal!! Many thanks go out to the parents who helped make all of this possible. A special thanks to the members of the middle school staff who helped throughout all of the events. But much of the recognition goes to our students, who found a way to help those in need. We are fortunate to have such caring and giving students and families in our school district. All proceeds went to the American Red Cross which were earmarked for Hurricane Katrina victims.

GOVERNORS APPROVE CHANGE IN POSTAGE RATES

New rates go into effect
January 8

WASHINGTON - The Governors of the U.S. Postal Service today voted to accept the Postal Rate Commission's recommendations to increase most postal rates and fees by approximately 5.4 percent across-the-board to take effect January 8.

This rate increase - the first since 2002 - is needed to fulfill the requirement of a federal law passed in 2003. That law requires the Postal Service to establish a \$3.1 billion escrow account, with use of the funds to be determined by Congress at a later date. Without this federal mandate, it would not have been necessary to raise rates in 2006.

Among the rate adjustments, the single-piece rate for First-Class Mail will increase from 37 cents to 39 cents, and the postcard rate will increase by one cent to 24 cents. The Board of Governors of the Postal Service set January 8, 2006, as the effective date for the changes.

Jim Miller, Chairman of the Postal Service's Board of Governors, said: "The Governors take this action mindful of our obligation to assure the financial integrity of the nation's postal system. These increases will allow the Postal Service to meet the obligation established by Congress to place funds in escrow in 2006."

The Commission's Recommended Decision came after a proceeding in which most of the participants signed a settlement agreement adopting the Postal Service's uniform, across-the-board increase proposals. The settlement shortened to six months the Commission's administrative review, which normally takes ten months.

International rates, which are determined separately from domestic prices, will be adjusted to coincide with the domestic rate changes. International rates have not been adjusted since January 2001.

School District Treasurer Returning Home

Evergreen School District Treasurer, Linda Kidwell, has resigned her position effective November 30, 2005 to accept the Treasurer's position for the Galion City Schools. Mrs. Kidwell and her husband, Jack, are graduates of Galion High School. They both have parents and relatives who live in the Galion area.

Mrs. Kidwell has served as Evergreen School District Treasurer for the past eight years. During that time, she has distinguished herself as an outstanding Treasurer who has done a great job in managing the school district's finances. Her professionalism and understanding of school finance will certainly be missed. It is sadness we express as Linda leaves us, but it is with hope and encouragement that we send her off to a new position.

The Evergreen Board of Education is in the process of replacing Mrs. Kidwell. A special meeting will be held on November 29, 2005 to have initial interviews with Treasurer candidates. The Board hopes to employ a new Treasurer by the middle of December. In the interim, Mrs. Deb Ford has been contracted through the Northwest Ohio Computer Association to be the interim Treasurer until the Board selects a full time replacement.

Annual Financial Report

The annual financial report of the Evergreen Local School District for year ended June 30, 2005 has been completed and is available for public inspection in the Treasurer's Office at 14544 County Road 6 Metamora, Ohio daily between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. A copy of the report can be provided upon request.

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