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THANK YOU

On July 31 I will end seven years as Superintendent of the Evergreen Local Schools and will be retiring after 40 years of work, 37 years in the field of education.

I want to thank the Evergreen Local Board of Education for giving me the opportunity to serve as their Superintendent for the past seven years. It has certainly been a joy for me to work in such an excellent school district for such great people. The Board has been very supportive of our leadership initiatives that have improved academic success as recognized by the Ohio Department of Education with an "Excellent" rating for the Evergreen Schools two of the last three years. The Board has also provided support and encouragement in facility development that has resulted in one of the best educational facilities in northwestern Ohio.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to the administrative team of High School Principal, Mark Basilius; Middle School Principal, Tom Shafer; Elementary Principal, Scott Lockwood; Assistant Elementary Principal, Jane Draheim along with former Elementary Principals Sherry Seiler and Lisa Exner for their outstanding educational leadership and loyalty to the Evergreen Schools.

I cannot say enough about the faculty and staff of the Evergreen Schools who have been responsible for implementing the program that has resulted in Evergreen's "Excellent" rating. These men and women work hard each school day and beyond to insure that the students are getting the best instruction and the best direction to become successful and productive citizens. Many thanks to the Evergreen faculty and staff for a job well done.

Certainly the reason for our academic successes is the hard work and commitment to learning from the students of the Evergreen Local Schools. Evergreen students accepted the challenge to learn and perform that has resulted in not only an "Excellent" rating for academic success, but also a great reputation for Evergreen Schools around the area. I thank the students, and parents, for their efforts to be the best they can be.

Finally, it is the Evergreen Community to which I feel the most grateful. A Community that has given the highest priority to its schools and the education of the district's students. A Community that has provided the resources to build and maintain learning facilities that are safe and conducive to learning. A Community that has provided the funding to operate the school district with high quality faculty and staff. It has been obvious to me that the Evergreen Community has accepted the responsibility to provide a tremendous learning environment for their children. I thank you for, not only the personal support I have received, but most of all for your willingness to make the education of children a financial priority in your life.

Trish and I will be moving on from the day-to-day business of education to spending more time with our grandchildren, traveling and enjoying our time in retirement. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of the Evergreen Schools. It was an unforgettable experience with many fond memories.

Ken Jones, Superintendent
Evergreen Local Schools

Weigel Funeral Home Hires Funeral Director/Manager for Metamora Location

Travis J. Weigel, owner of Weigel Funeral Homes in Metamora and Swanton, proudly announces the addition of Angie Sue Webert to his professional staff. Angie was born and raised in Oak Harbor, Ohio and obtained her bachelor's of Mortuary Science from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. She began her career in Fremont and most recently worked for Neville Funeral Home in Holland. However, her goal has always been to work for a family owned funeral home whose goal is to focus on personal service; not bottom line profit.

Angie is married to Bill Webert and together they have a son, Conner, and are expecting another son in August. Angie believes in the Weigel's philosophy that each family be treated like their own. Furthermore, she upholds the Golden Rule of funeral service, Service measured not by Gold, but by the Golden Rule.

It is an honor to have Angie as part of our professional staff. In the funeral profession, it is difficult to find good people who uphold the same beliefs and work ethics as we pride ourselves on. I'm confident that the community of Metamora and Swanton will embrace and come to appreciate and trust Angie as you have my family and I.

We are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and of course 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 419-644-3601 or 419-826-2631. Please take time to view our new website at www.weigelfuneralhomes.com

JOHN J. SCHMITZ MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Ohio State University Extension Fulton County 4-H Office is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2009 John J. Schmitz Memorial Award. The award is presented annually to two Fulton County 4-H Seniors to recognize their outstanding achievements in youth activities. The scholarships given are presented by the Bill Schmitz Family of Lyons, in memory of their son and brother, John. This award is given in memory of John J. Schmitz, who died in 1981 at the age of 11. This memorial foundation was established by Mr. & Mrs. William R. Schmitz and children; Gary, Shellie, and family; Steve, Lynette and Family; Bill, Amy and Family; Cheryl, Denny and Family; Julie and Dave, Patty and Sue Ann. This award is given so that other youth may be inspired to achieve their fullest potential and to contribute to their community as John was learning to do. John always had a bright smile, was fun loving and anxious to learn, and willing to help. His memory will live forever in those who knew him.

The Schmitz Family has long been interested in agriculture as a way of life and they believe strongly in the value of youth education programs such as 4-H and FFA. Their involvement in the Evergreen School District and in 4-H and FFA has led them to encourage youth to stay active in agriculture and these programs. Scholarship recipients are selected from written applications submitted by the candidates.



Congratulations to Lucas Nofziger, son of Greg and Jodi Nofziger of Wauseon. He will receive a \$200.00 award. Lucas is a ten year member of the Pettisville Ever-Ready 4-H Club and a 2009 graduate of Pettisville High School.



Congratulations to Melissa Hoen, daughter of Michael and Antonette Hoen of Delta. She will receive a \$300.00 award. Melissa is a ten year member of the Nifty 4-H'ers club and a 2009 graduate of Evergreen High School.

Both Lucas and Melissa are to be commended for outstanding service and leadership to their communities.

WINNING ARTISTS

Abby Pennington from Evergreen Elementary School recently had her art work selected by her peers and other students in grades 1-5, to be printed on the front of the visual arts beginning of the year packet. The project criteria was to illustrate a picture that would positively represent the arts program and would also be fun to color in for all children in grades one through five. The artwork will be used during the first week of school to introduce focal points utilized in art and society. Abby's artwork will be introduced on approximately 530 packets. Congratulations to Abby!

Many students critiqued Abby's work and wrote small paragraphs. Jon Milliken wrote, "I liked the originality and the objects that people have never seen before. The Vincent van Gogh sky was cool too. I also liked the use of the third dimension in the picture." Delaney Smith wrote, "I think this picture is the best because there are a lot of details (but not too many). I also liked it because of the space scene. The earth and stars make you feel as if you are in a different world. The detail and shading was beautiful and well done. The earth really looked like earth and the stars were like in dreams. The art café was funny and cool too." Skyler Horak wrote, "I like this picture because the moon had 3D holes in it. I like how the planet is called MarsArt. I think the ArtCafe is very creative and the alien who sees earth is very funny!" Bethany Bowser, last years "Beginning of the Year Packet Contest" winner wrote, "This picture was very detailed. It has many things that look out of this world. It looks very nice. I can see a lot of shading and different types of lines. It also looks very 3D. The aliens are very cute. It is a very carefully drawn picture. It is awesome. GOOD JOB!!!"

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