

Knightly News

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2016 National Honor Society Inductees

The Van Buren National Honor Society inducted 32 new members during a county-wide ceremony on November 7, 2016. The ceremony was held in the Van Buren's auditorium. This year's local officers include President McClain Brown, Vice-President Brandon Bell, and Secretary Brylie Rampe.



Back Row: Principal Mr. Brand, Jessica Roberts, Tyler Saltzman, Joshua Seitz, Lisa Simmons, Carrigan Stacy, Kade Steveson, Jaden M. Tabler, Maria Trusty, Brandon Wehrle, Drace Wilson, Advisor Mr. Vennekotter. **Middle Row:** Drew M. Insley, Morgan Jackson, Jocelyn Masters, Kailee Missler, Miranda Mowrey, Matthew Nieset, Samuel MacGregor Phillips, Autumn Pisarsky, Nathan Potteiger, Lydia Reineke, Brendon Ring. **Front Row:** Riley Adolph, Madelyn Badertscher, Tori Bookwalter, Lydia Brown, Elizabeth Conner, Sophia Decker-Pahl, Sarah Dishong, Amelia Durliat, Khail Fasone, Anna Girdler, Matthew Iliff.

2016 National Junior Honor Society Inductees

Congratulations to 34 Van Buren Middle School eighth graders who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on October 31 during the county-wide induction ceremony held at Van Buren auditorium. To be invited to apply for membership, students must meet high academic standards. Throughout the year, NJHS members will hold study tables, open to any VBMS student, every Tuesday and Thursday until 4:00 p.m. in room 112. Additionally, the organization will lead a number of other service projects throughout the school year.

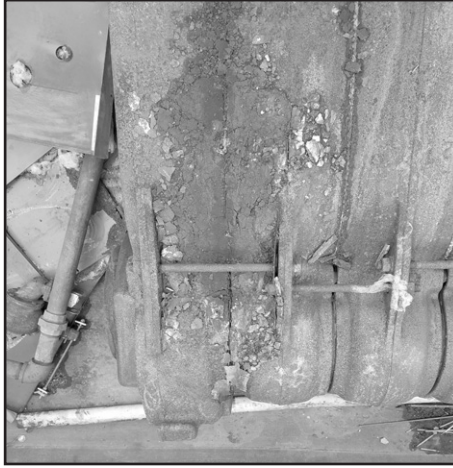


Inductees include: Lilly Badertscher, Gannon Bahn, Kaleb Bishop, Skylar Deerwester, Mercy DeWalt, Steven Franks, Max Greenawalt, Grace Heitkamp, Eli Holman, Jon Hudok, Alexis Jackson, Blake Jones, Shaina Lako, Mia Leal, Calloway Luke, Madison Marks, Alex Marshall, Evie Masters, Jace McCartney, Lily McKeown, Izzie Pawlak, Madilyn Pawlak, Reese Recker, Keana Rider, Madalyn Riesen, Annika Rinehart, Justin Ring, Peyton Sendelbach, Megan Sheeks, Sarah Stapley, Gage Swaisgood, Breanna Tabler, Drew VanAtta, Connor Waltmire.

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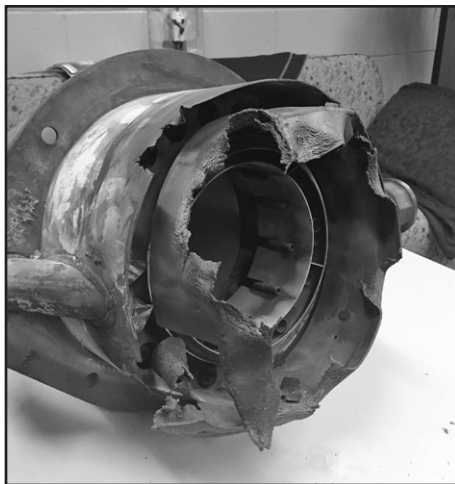
BOILERS, PROGRAMS, AND GRANTS

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding as we are going through the HS boiler replacement project. For the past several years we have been dealing with several HVAC issues. We were concerned about the condition of one of two boilers used to heat the high school. This boiler from the early 1970's was regulated to backup and extreme cold weather usage. It was partnered with a smaller boiler installed in 2002. It has required extensive repairs over the years and HVAC experts had warned us of the short life it had left. Prior to this year's heating season, we attempted to fire up this boiler only to discover that the burner had melted and the fire box was corroded making it beyond repair. The newer, smaller boiler has had maintenance issues as well and alone is not adequate to heat the HS in colder temperatures.



The replacement of the old boiler was part of the bond issue put before voters in 2014. Failure of this issue resulted in research and planning on how to contend with this issue when the boiler failed. One plan resulted in the replacement of both boilers with newer, more efficient boilers and included utilizing those boilers in tandem to also provide the domestic hot water for the building. This system would be extremely efficient and allow for the removal of asbestos covered equipment and piping in the boiler room. This is the plan that the Board of Education has approved.

The weather cooperated and the smaller boiler has been able to handle the load through October and November. It has also been adequate through the first part of December. As I write this, the new boilers have arrived and the installation has begun on the first boiler. This first boiler will not be operational before the holiday break begins, but both boilers are expected to be operational by the time that the students return after the holiday break. The asbestos and domestic hot water portion of this project is expected to be completed next summer. The weather report is calling for much colder weather in the last few days prior to the holiday break. The maintenance department is doing everything it can to maintain the smaller boiler and coax as much heat out of it as possible. With this colder weather, sweaters and sweat-shirts are advised.



Financially, this project is using the entire permanent improvement budget for capital repairs and improvements. This means that any other major repairs or safety issues that will need to be addressed will have to be funded out the operations budget which is the educational and day-to-day expenses of the district. A significant cost taken from these funds could impact the programming and services that the district provides. Again, thank you for your support as we complete this emergency project.

I hope that each of you had the opportunity to view the many winter concerts and programs that were presented prior to the holiday break. The choirs and bands always put on outstanding programs. The elementary holiday program is one that I look forward to every year. I thank you for attending, if you were able to make it to any of these programs. I invite you to attend other sporting and performance activities throughout the year. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend, particularly those who do not have children currently in our school.

The district has received \$65,000 in grant funding to look at our high school curriculum and plan programs that will meet the needs of our high school students, their future, and also the local businesses and economy. \$15,000 of these funds are earmarked for teacher training and \$50,000 is to be utilized to develop programming and curriculum in cooperation with higher education and local workforce development. STEM education, Early College, and Career Pathways will

be explored. Because of educational opportunities like College Credit Plus that the state has created, 50% of our Junior Class will have completed their requirements for graduation by the end of this year. We must look at programming and curriculum to address their needs and expectations.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS,
HAPPY HOLIDAYS,
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



HS/MS Honors

VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL *First Nine-Week Grading Period 2016 - 2017 School Year*

ALL “A’s”

6th Grade	Allison Badertscher, Paige Bowman, Sasha Busey, Alexia Camarano, Jack Campbell, Bella Carroccio, Nathan Curry, Schae Deerwester, Casey Donaldson, Ryleigh Doyle, Madison Elliott, Gabriel George, Mason Greenawalt, Peter Harrington, Katie Krantz, Alexis Nivison-Brassell, Claire Recker, Hudson Sendelbach, Summer Siefer, Faith Smith, Carter Thomas, Griffin VanScoder, Samantha Wilcox, Madeline Williams
7th Grade	Ali Bishop, Catherine Cavera, Rachel Cavera, Owen Coffey, Shane Coombes, Clarence Durliat, Ainsley Forsyth, Emma Henry, Clare Hoerig, Benjamin Hudok, Cassadie Jacobs, Abigail Losiewicz, Josiah McKeown, Madeline Northcutt, Megan Pisarsky, Ashlynn Sortor, Taylor Stewart, Lindsey Stultz, Alan Woodall
8th Grade	Lillian Badertscher, Gannon Bahn, Mercy DeWalt, Steven Franks, Grace Heitkamp, Alexis Jackson, Shaina Lako, Evelyn Masters, Jace McCartney, Lillian McKeown, Madilyn Pawlak, Justin Ring, Megan Sheeks, Gage Swaisgood, Breanna Tabler, Drew VanAtta, Connor Waltmire
9th Grade	Karissa Brown, Nicole Conine, Hannah Davis, Garret Drake, Landon Forsyth, Justine Hunt, Jewelya Hutchison, Spencer Ingwersen, Braden Losiewicz, Madison Parker, Madelyn Parsell, Amber Pisarsky, Emma Reineke, Allyson Rickenbacher, Camrie Roberts, Lindsey Shaw, Kaleb Snodgrass, Jordan Spoon, Nathaniel Stacy, Leah Stall, Grayson Temple, Madison Trumbull, Kyle Van Horn
10th Grade	Faith DeWalt, Miranda Eaton, Emma Geyman, Brady Harmon, Kyle Hoyng, Sydney Leeper, Jordan Lonyo, Connor Ohlrich, Nicholas Rettig, McKenzie Rigsby, Jessica Rinehart, Jacob Sanders, Wyatt Schlaeppli, Hope Serrano, Olivia Sexton, Lily Wagner
11th Grade	Madelyn Badertscher, Elizabeth Conner, Sarah Dishong, Amelia Durliat, Khail Fasone, Anna Girdler, Drew Insley, Morgan Jackson, Joselyn Masters, Miranda Mowrey, Autumn Pisarsky, Lisa Simmons, Maria Trusty, Brandon Wehrle
12th Grade	Emily Bado, Brandon Bell, McClain Brown, Kila Fultz, Austin Hickman, Aaron Keck, Lindsey Klausing, Zoie Nieto, Abby Patterson, Brylie Rampe, Justen Stall, Emma Strong, Jordan Trenkamp

ALL “A’s” and “B’s”

6th Grade	BriannaAdkins, ShelbeeAtchison, Jake Bishop, Luke Bresler, Lucas Brown, Natalie, Brown, Bandon Buff, Aeris Butler, Kennedy Diemer, Logan Dilgard, Alexander Gearhart, Morgan Graber, Ethan Great-house, Jackson Gregory, Weston Heitkamp, Olivia Hollar, Brienna Hutchins, Kennedy Jones, Brianna Kimmel-Nyitray, Caleb Krout, Benito LaComba, Ava Leal, Madison Martin, Carter Miller, McKenna Morey, Orion Nye, Peyton Odey, Reese Reichley, Catheryn Roy, Nathaniel Ryan, Cassandra Saltzman, Logan Saum, Elijah Seitz, Sydney Sherick, Ryleigh Smith, Benjamin Stultz, Riley Stutzman, Cody Thomas, John Wheeler
7th Grade	Eliya Amos, Hayden Carr, Evan Clark, Morgan DeBoo, Taylor DeBoo, Jacob Deiter, Joshua Drake, Christopher Emerine, Elise Fenstermaker, Drew Frey, Melodie Garnes, Jared Hocanson, Connor Koehnke, Tyler Krider, Kendra Odenweller, Andrew Parsell, Sophia Reineke, Brooke Riegle, Brody Runion, Ryan Strapp, Evan Van Vorhis, Ella Webster, Karissa Welte

8th Grade	Taylor Adams, Kaitlyn Baer, Kaleb Bishop, Aaron Bresler, Dessa Darling, Skylar Deerwester, Dino Donaldson, Jonah Frederick, Gabrielle Gearhart, Mia George, Maxwell Greenawalt, Aiden Haley, Jada Hicks, Elijah Holman, Jonathan Hudok, Ethan Johnson, Blake Jones, Mia Leal, Madison Marks, Alexandra Marshall, Travis Neu-meister, Kadin Ogg, Isabelle Pawlak, Reese Recker, Alexandria Reichenbaugh, Keana Rider, Madalyn Riesen, Annika Rinehart, Peyton Sendelbach, Kearstin Sherick, Garret Simmermeyer, Brandon Smith, Alyssa Snyder, Adrienne Sortor, Grant Young
9th Grade	Logan Betts-Baldwin, DeLainie Bland, Zoe Brown, Katelyn Chu, Agnes Durliat, Noah Elliott, Timmothy Emerine, Danielle Hall, Fe-licity Hocanson, Zoe Horne, Grant Insley, Michael Kramer, Kendall Kretzinger, Camryn Marquez, Nickolas McCracken, MaKade Miarer, Hannah Missler, Andrew Overmyer, Alyssa Potteiger, Christopher Routson, Hailey Routzon, Rachael Schroer, Zachary Seitz, Riley Simons, Dalton Swope, CJ Ware, Daniel Warren, Jared Wiegers
10th Grade	Carrie Below, Joshua Bishop, Joshua Bowles, Hope DeWalt, Johnathon Farthing, Olivia Flugga, Payton Franks, Noah Frederick, Marisa Gilbert, Natalee Harris, Grace Hoerig, Andrea Iliff, Brandon Klausing, Emily LeCroy, Ethan Marialke, Jenessa Miller, Megan Muzy, Thomas Piccirillo, Mackenzie Saltzman, Natasha Simons, Alexandra Strong, Sean Trenkamp, Quentin Weddell, Jerod Wright
11th Grade	Matthew Ayers, Nicholas Beitzel, Lydia Brown, Riley Calzada, Kara Conine, Jessica Debouver, Clayton Eichman, Jacob Emerine, Carl Fleck, Courtney Frost, Samuel Frost, Brendon Gordon, Matthew Iliff, Codi Leonard, Tyler Ludwig, Mason Miarer, Brendan Miller, Clay Noblit, Samuel Phillips, Cheyenne Potteiger, Nathan Potteiger, Lydia Reineke, Brendon Ring, Jessica Roberts, Sara Rosenberger, Joshua Seitz, Carrigan Stacy, Kade Steveson, Madison Swope, Cora Thomas, Madilyn Youngpeter
12th Grade	Sydnee Atchison, KiaLynne Bland, Tori Bookwalter, Brady Deitrick, Ryan Domke, Mitchell Endicott, Parker Evans, Braxton Fasone, Jayden Foltz, Ashley Franklin, Ivorie Garnes, Anne Gilliland, Alexis Kieffer, Marly McCartney, Adysson Miller, Matthew Nieset, Summer Poland, Luke Rickenbacher, Brendan Roszman, Joshua Routzon, Tyler Saltzman, Zachary Schiefer, Noah Schumacker, Lydia Smith, David Starr, Ethan Stumpp, Ryan Turner, Cassandra Waltmire, Mercedes Williamson, Jared Zimmerman

**Early dismissals have been scheduled for
Teacher Inservice meetings.**

Students will be dismissed at 1:00 P.M.

Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 • Friday, January 20, 2017

Friday, February 17, 2017 • Friday, March 17, 2017

Friday, April 21, 2017 • Friday, May 12, 2017

High School News

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present October & November 2016 Awesome Knights

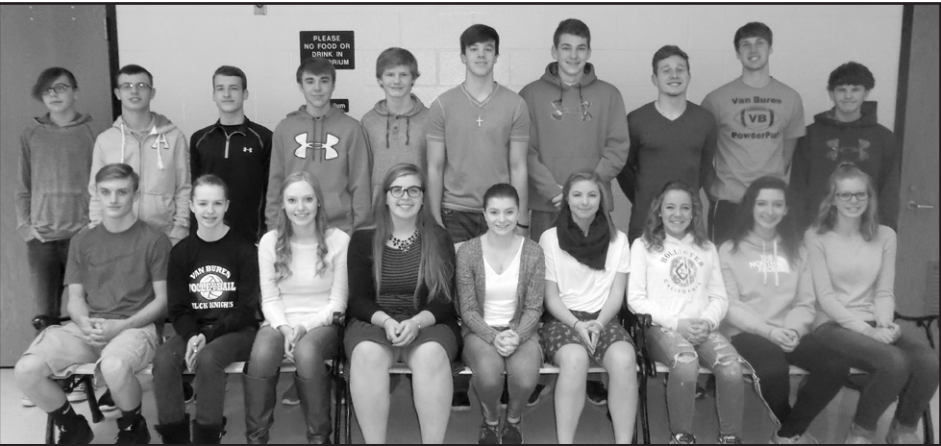
Students are chosen monthly by each high school teacher based upon one or more of the following: **Academic Achievement; Positive Attitude; Class Participation; Letter Grade Improvement; Outstanding Performance.**

All students chosen will receive a gift certificate and a certificate of recognition from the Academic Boosters organization. The gift certificate is sponsored by McDonalds of North Baltimore.

Also, for the November Awesome Knights, each student was presented a coupon that will get them a complimentary ticket to a Harlem Globetrotters game at the Quicken Loans Arena on December 27 when an additional ticket is purchased.



October - Back Row: Grayson Temple, A.J. Overmyer, Nickolas McCracken, Wyatt Schlaeppi, Kordell Harr, Donald Anderson, Sam Frost, Brendon Gordon. **Front Row:** Hailey Routzon, Rachael Schroer, Alexis Kieffer, Sophie Decker-Pahl, Miranda Eaton, Lauren Shaw. **Not Pictured:** Briony Brink, Justine Hunt, Annie Mowrey, Sam Phillips, Madison Swope, Maria Trusty, Mercedes Williamson, Trevor Wolford.



November - Back Row: Jaden Butler, Branden Wehrle, Johann Franks, Spencer Ingwersen, Garret Drake, Ron Koehnke, Jared Zimmerman, Brady Deitrick, Braxton Fasone, Jacob Sanders. **Front Row:** Justin Waller, Lindsey Shaw, Jordan Lonyo, Amanda Strapp, Lily Wagner, Madi Parker, Madelyn Badertscher, Josie Masters, Madison Swope. **Not Pictured:** Jacob Dutton, Marly McCartney, Abby Patterson, Leah Stall.

Middle School News

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present October & November 2016 Virtuous Knights

QUALITIES OF A VIRTUOUS KNIGHT:
Generosity; Respect; Kindness; Pride in School; Responsibility; Enthusiasm; Pride in Self; Hard Working.

Thanks to the Van Buren Academic Boosters, Culver's, and Great Scot for their support of the VBMS Virtuous Knight program.



October - Back Row: Dessa Darling, Drew Turner, Kaitlyn Baer, Justin Schiefer, Maddie Northcutt, Garret Simmermeyer, Grant Young. **Front Row:** Clarence Durliat, Sydney Sherrick, Nathan Curry, Ainsley Forsyth, Paul Klasing, Kennedy Diemer.



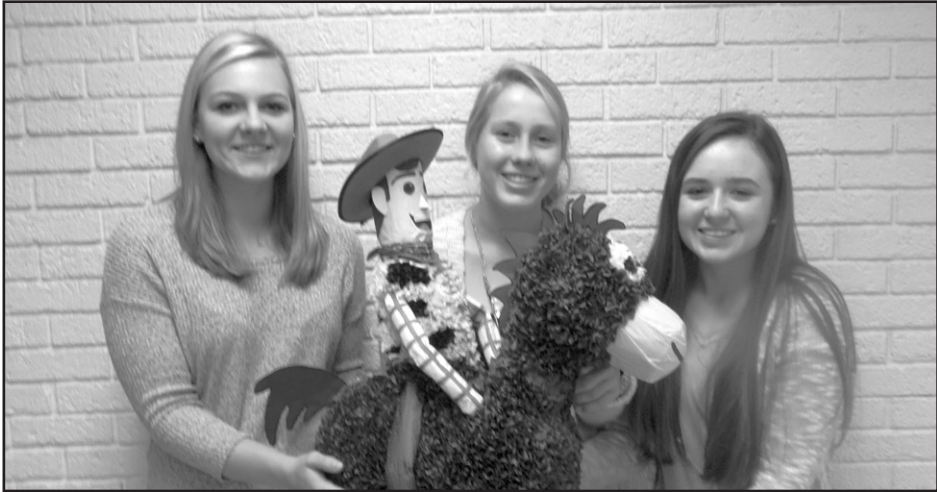
November - Back Row: Ethan Greathouse, Samantha Wilcox, Gage Swaisgood, Lilly Badertscher, Reese Recker, Nadia Marquez, Kennedy Rader, Riley Brown. **Front Row:** Andrew Parsell, Jacob Deiter, Hudson Sendelbach, Alexis Jackson, Claire Recker, Ellie Fenstermaker, Zach Pina.

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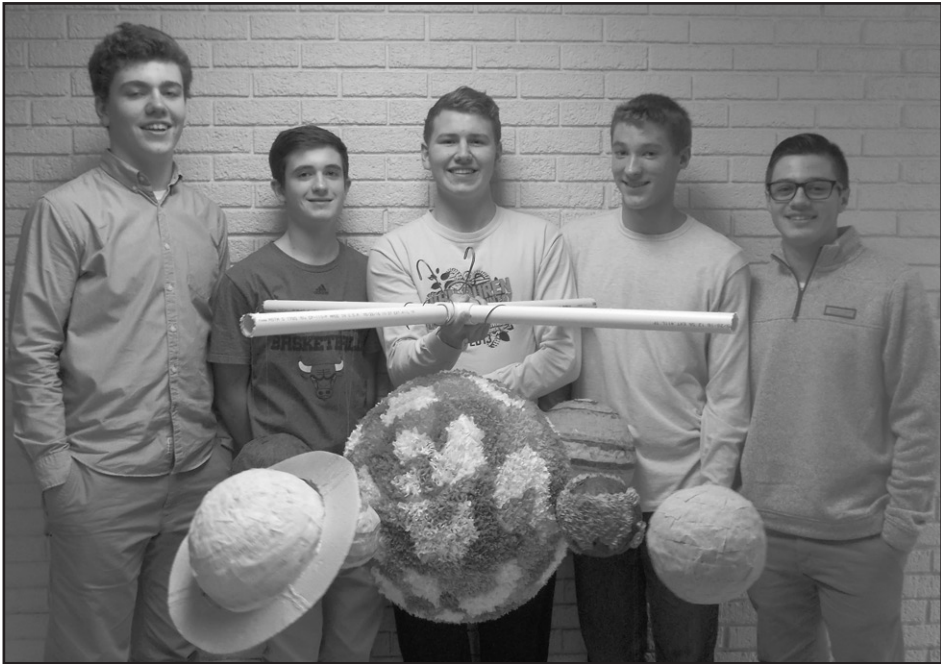
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Piñatas

After reading about the history of piñatas in Mexico and Spain, Mrs. McIntosh's Spanish III students were given the opportunity to experience piñatas first-hand by creating their own. The guidelines for the project were simple: the piñatas had to be colorful and creative, had to be able to hang for a specified period of time, needed to have an opening for the candy, and had to be covered with crepe paper. The students started with a balloon for the main shape of the piñata, but could use other materials for details and appendages. Each group also created a poster illustrating their work from the beginning to the end of the project with pictures and captions in Spanish. The students worked in small groups outside of the classroom for over a month and also had one in-class work day to complete the project. As you can see, the results were very creative! In the spring the Spanish III class will choose one of the piñatas to fill with candy and break.



Woody and Bullseye from Toy Story: Sarah Dishong, Amelia Durliat, Morgan Jackson.



Solar System: Matthew Iliff, Nate Potteiger, Joshua Seitz, Brendon Ring, McClain Brown.



Kirby: Brandon Wehrle, Drace Wilson, Andrew Godzak, Autumn Pisarsky.



Squirt The Turtle: Maria Trusty, Josie Masters, Elizabeth Conner, Sara Rosenberger.



Starbucks Frappe: Lydia Reineke, Alina Turner, Lisa Simmons, Jessica Roberts.

High School News

Lily Pad Project

A boy from Tacoma, Washington named Nick Konkler had cancer and wanted to make a difference before he passed. He saw young children in the hospital connected to IV poles 24/7 having to go to tests or therapy with this hooked to them barely being able to walk. So he came up with the Lily Pad idea. Mr. Daniels was made aware of this project through Board Member Mike Leifheit and decided to get involved. With donations from Laborie Enterprises, Hempy Water, and Brad Gregory DMD the project was made possible. The Industrial Arts program donated nine Lily Pads to Blanchard Valley Hospital that will be used in the ER and Intensive Care Unit. Students from Van Buren were asked to use their art talents and paint them for the children. Among the artists were Riley Adolph, Alexis Kieffer, Andrius Miranda, Cordell Harr, Mercedes Williamson, Boston Siferd, Braxton Fasone, Sarah Franks, and Lindsay Klausung.



Mercedes Williamson



Sarah Franks



Riley Adolph



Alexis Kieffer

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Music News

Lily Pads Continued



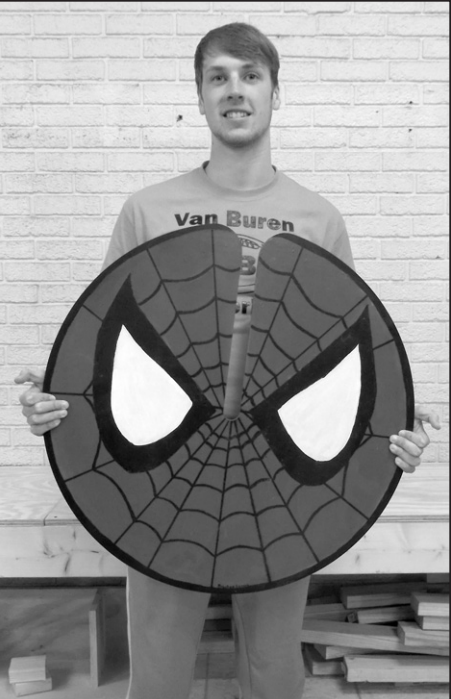
Cordell Harr



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Lindsay Klausing



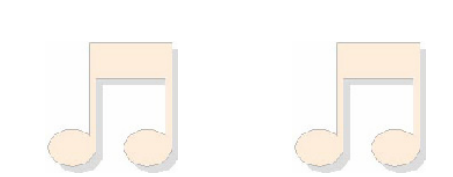
Braxton Fasone



Andraius Miranda

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OMEA District III HS Music Festival

Niswonger Performing Arts Center
Van Wert Middle/High School
Sunday, January 15, 2017 @ 3:00 P.M.

Band
Jacob Below - Trumpet

Choir
Maria Trusty - soprano
Lily Wagner - soprano
Brittany Arnold - alto
Annie Mowrey - alto
Noah Elliott - tenor
Aaron Keck - tenor
Josh Seitz - tenor
Justen Stall - tenor

Congratulations

Hancock County Music Festival

Vanlue High School
Sunday, February 19, 2017 @ 3:00 P.M.

Band
Jacob Below - 2nd Trumpet
Andrew Godzak - Baritone Sax

Choir
Janelle Keck - soprano
Autumn Pisarsky - soprano
Maria Trusty - soprano
Lily Wagner - soprano
Mercedes Williamson - soprano

Austin Hickman - Percussion
Brendan Miller - Percussion

Brittany Arnold - alto
Carrie Below - alto
Annie Mowrey - alto
Zoie Nieto - alto
Ally Strong - alto

Brendon Ring - bass
Zachary Schiefer - bass

Congratulations

High School News

CHILDREN ARE A BLESSING - by Marly McCartney

"If you believe your children to be a blessing, they will be." This is what Mr. Vennekotter says to himself no matter how late it is at night when he is up with his kids.

A year ago Mr. V had one son named Jack. Now he has two more children: Ellie, who is 8 months old, and Nora, who is 2 months old. Ellie was adopted, and during the adoption process, they found out they were expecting another child.

"At the same time we met and were matched with Ellie's birth mom, within just a few days we found out we were expecting as well," Mr. V said. "We were very, very excited and really hoping that both worked out, as both were very pleasant surprises."

The adoption process with Ellie lasted about two years, starting from the time Mr. V made the first phone call to find out everything they needed to do for the adoption until they finally took Ellie home from the hospital. Ellie's birth mother is originally from China but was in the U.S. when she gave birth to her. Mr. V and his wife were invited to the hospital the day Ellie was born.

"We got to stay at the hospital after Ellie was born; remarkably, the birth mother went home 6 hours after she gave birth, but we stayed with Ellie and got a room at the hospital," Mr. V said. "We stayed with her every night, and she has never left our sight from the time she was born. We feel very blessed that we have gotten to care for her from day one."

Having three kids can be stressful, especially when two of them are under a year old. Mr. V says that there have been nights where all three of his kids have been up at 4:30 in the morning.

"There are a lot of times when I'm up with one and my wife is up with another, and no matter what time it is, I just always say what a blessing," Mr. V said. "Sometimes it is easier to say than others, but I never want to lose sight of that. It's stressful right now, but there is so much joy that offsets the stress. Both of my daughters are starting to smile at us, and that is really fun."



Inclement Weather ❄️ ❄️ ❄️
In the event that we experience severe weather or an emergency situation, the following news agencies will be contacted to broadcast any announcements to inform parents of decisions affecting our school day. Stay tuned to your radio and TV! Tune to AM 1330 WFIN, FM 100.5 WKXA, FM 96.7 WBVI, or FM 106.3 WBUK for weather announcements and your local TV stations.



ROBERT WEDDELL - NO FEAR VOLUNTEER

by Brady Harmon

Mr. Robert Weddell graduated from Waterford Township High School in Oakland County, Michigan, and went to Central Michigan University. He started working for Marathon in May 1980 and came to Van Buren that same year; however, that leaves the question of when and why Mr. Weddell became involved with Van Buren Schools.

"I started volunteering in 2014, when I went to a music booster parent meeting, and they gave me a job dealing with money. I gladly took the job and have liked doing it ever since."

Mr. Weddell donates his time at concessions frequently and volunteers at other music booster events. He has been volunteering for three years. Why has Mr. Weddell kept volunteering? His motivation to keep Van Buren strong is what keeps him going.

"Education is critical to building strong communities and maintaining our democracy. Strengths I appreciate in Van Buren are the dedicated and approachable staff and the community involvement and support."

As a result of his volunteer experiences (he also served on a strategic plan committee earlier this year), Mr. Weddell sees a bright future for Van Buren, but improvement can still be made.

"The school must grow in order to be able to offer a more diverse curriculum and to address funding issues. I would also like to see the school adopt a mastery-based learning model that would allow students to progress at their own pace."

Because of volunteers like Mr. Weddell, the community can be sure Van Buren Schools will continue to grow and prepare students for the future.



Van Buren High School/Middle School Guidance - Mr. Zender

- The school home page has all the updated guidance information, scholarships, as well as current news available for viewing. Most local scholarships will be available in the guidance office in January.
- Many of the local scholarship applications will be coming in very soon after the holiday break. Students are encouraged to stop in the guidance office on a regular basis to see which scholarships are available at that time. All community foundation scholarships are available online after mid-February. A representative from The Community Foundation will meet with all seniors in February.
- College applications should be sent in by this time. Several of our students have already been accepted to the colleges of their choice! If you still have not done so, there is still time to get your applications sent in.

No School — Christmas Break
Wednesday, December 21, 2016 - Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Middle School News

Students' Voices Heard during Mock Election

Middle school students had the opportunity to cast their votes on November 8 in our school-wide mock election. Our social studies teachers and technology staff worked to create an authentic experience as students showed an ID, signed the ledger, then voted electronically.

The Trump/Pence ticket won the VBMS popular vote with 58.8%. 69.1% of students selected Rob Portman as senator, Bob Latta will continue as U.S. representative with 61.5% of the vote. Robert Cole Sprague gets to stay in Columbus as he earned 66.5% of student approval at the polls.

Virtuous Knights Recognized

VBMS Virtuous Knights for September and October along with the teachers who nominated them were treated to a luncheon donated by Great Scot. We plan to hold a luncheon to honor students selected as Virtuous Knights every two months to recognize their kindness, respect, work ethic, and other positive contributions to our school.

Another longtime partner of the Virtuous Knight program is Culver's of Findlay. Culver's has provided custard coupons for our Virtuous Knights for a number of years. We appreciate the generosity of both Culver's and Great Scot as we celebrate our students!



Freshman Jared Wiegers had his poem entitled "Freedom Is Never Free" published in the 2016 book, Accomplished. Congrats to Jared!

Attn: Parents/ Guardians

If your child(ren)'s workbook and classroom fees have not been paid, please take care of this obligation as soon as possible. If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact the office.

Veterans Day



To create a better understanding of the service and sacrifice of veterans, all VBMS students traveled to the Neff Military Museum the week leading up to Veterans Day. While at the museum, Mr. Roger Neff and other veterans shared their experiences alongside the military equipment, uniforms, and memorabilia.

Thank you to Mr. Neff and the veteran guides for making this a reality!

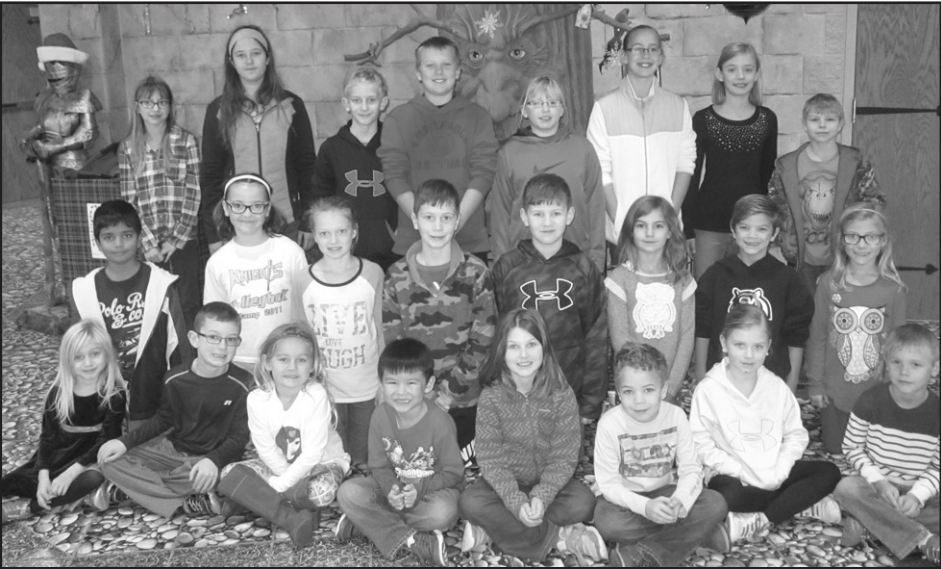


Several of the elementary staff made their yearly trip to City Laundry to assist with the Coats for Christmas program by hanging freshly laundered donated coats so that they can be distributed to those in need across the community and local area.

Elementary News

October & November Knights of the Round Table

Students selected by their noon monitors enjoyed lunch and an ice cream treat as “Round Table Knights” — a reward for their positive attitude and behavior during the months of October and November. Students were also able to invite a friend or family member to join them at the round table. Congratulations to these students!



October Back Row: Madisyn Nye, AnnaBelle Nigh, George Thomas, Baylor Wilkin, Hannah Deiter, Jaxon Young, Abigail Leatherman, Chase Ogg. **Middle Row:** Pranav Dinavahi, Selma Brant, Kamden Heitkamp, Finn Martin, Tyler Price, Emma Krupp, MJ Greenawalt, Sophia Cole. **Front Row:** Meggan Vermillion, Kaden Overmyer, Claire Maag, Preston Harnjo, Rachel Betts, Nolan Hampton, Peyton Griffin, Colin Treece.



November Back Row: Kayla Fisher, Kady Volland, Rebecca Betts, James Homan, Ryleigh Keckler, Sophia Endicott, Lily Grady, Paige Ryan. **Middle Row:** Grady Miller, Mia Leatherman, Andrew Puperi, Jake Schroeder, Monika Kerwin, Lily Grine, David Cavera, Ashleigh Doyle. **Front Row:** Hannah Miller, Lacey Omlor, Maggie Gunder, Andrew Gibson, Casten Heitkamp, JT Gehrisch, Maggie Laurent, Kolten Morey.



Give Kids a Smile Day

Friday, February 3, 2017

Dental Center of Northwest Ohio
1800 N Blanchard St, Suite 122, Findlay, OH 45840

FREE dental care for children 18 and under.

Sponsored by the Toledo Dental Society

Services offered:

- 1. Cleanings, exams, x-rays
- 2. Treatment (diagnoses)
 - *Root Canals
 - *Extractions
 - *Space Maintainers
 - *Fillings
 - *Stainless Steel Crowns

If the patient's needs exceed what can be completed that day, the child may be adopted by a local dentist to complete their treatment.

Please complete the registration form below and return to your school organization. Forms may be mailed (to the Dental Center address above) or faxed to **419-422-7665**, Attention: Mickey. **Forms must be received by January 20, 2017.** Any questions please call 419-422-7664.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: (Home) _____ Cell: _____
Location: Findlay Smiles **Van Wert Smiles**
Do you have dental insurance? ☐ NO ☐ YES Insurance Company: _____
Preferred appointment time: ☐ MORNING ☐ AFTERNOON *appointment times cannot be guaranteed
Does your child have any special needs? _____
Parents **printed** name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____
Students School: _____

SPACE IS LIMITED – SEND IN FORM EARLY

You will be contacted with an appointment time.

Elementary students have the opportunity to attend Good News Club, Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 PM in the Elementary School Cafeteria, starting October 12. Hear stories, learn songs, and enjoy a light snack. For more information, contact Mike Todd 419-957-0403. Good News Club is sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship and area local churches. Students of any or no faith are welcome to attend. Parents may come too! You are welcome to start attending at any point in the school year!

Yearbook News

Yearbook Orders

Thank you to all who purchased a copy of the 2016 Knight and Squire. Last year's staff put in a lot of hard work to create a book that our community can be proud of, and this year's staff is working hard to do the same.

The 2017 Knight will include the high school and middle school, and the 2017 Squire will included elementary events. The first yearbook sale will run through December 20 or online (www.vbschools.net) until December 23. The price for the HS/MS yearbook is \$50 at this time. The price for the HS/MS yearbook will be \$55 after those dates. A student can have his/her name stamped onto the book for \$5, and protective plastic covers can be purchased for \$3. The price for the 2017 Squire (elementary) yearbook is \$20. A student can fill out the form on this page and give it to his/her teacher (elementary) or give it to Mr. Bratt in Room 235. When your student makes an order, please make sure that if he/she is paying by check, the check is made payable to the 2017 Knight and/or 2017 Squire for the number of books purchased.

The yearbook staff thanks you for your support of the Knight and Squire, and we look forward to serving you in the future. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Bratt, yearbook adviser, at (419) 299-3384 (ext. 407).

Order Form for the 2017 Knight and Squire

Van Buren Elementary, Middle School and High School

Name _____

Grade/Teacher _____ Date _____

\$55.00 each

Price of the 2017 Knight in FULL COLOR (coverage of the middle school and high school)

\$5.00 each

Price to have your name put on your yearbook (2017 Knight only)
Write how you would like your name to appear

\$3.00each

Plastic protective cover for your book (2017 Knight only)

\$20.00 each

Price of the 2017 Squire in FULL COLOR (coverage of the elementary school)

Please fill out the following form and return it to your teacher (elementary) or Mr. Bratt in room 235 (middle and high school). Thank you, and enjoy your yearbook!

Quantity	Item	Price/Unit	Total Amount
	2017 <u>Knight</u>	\$55.00	
	Name on Book	\$5.00	
	Plastic Cover	\$3.00	
	2017 <u>Squire</u>	\$20.00	
Please make all checks payable to: 2017 <u>Knight</u> and/or 2017 <u>Squire</u>.			TOTAL

PEOPLE WHO PURCHASED COPIES OF THE 2016 KNIGHT

The following alumni need to pick up their copies of the 2016 Knight and/or Squire that they ordered: Trenton Boyette, Logan Brooker, Evan Heminger, Ken Mock, Brant Morton, and Brandon Shepherd.

Please stop to pick those up in the high school office at your earliest convenience. Thank you again for your support of Van Buren and our yearbook.

2016 Knight Earns Silver Rating from CSPA

The 2016 Knight staff recently learned it earned a silver rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for its work on last year's yearbook. The staff has steadily improved its rating over the last three years, moving from a 583 in 2014 to a 700 in 2015 to a 729 in 2016.

The goal of entering the CSPA contest each year is to gain feedback about the previous year's publication which can be applied to improve the next yearbook. The ultimate goal is to earn a gold rating, which requires a minimum score of 800.

According to Columbia University, the judging process begins "when publications are mailed to the Association's offices in New York City. From there they are mailed, in batches, to qualified faculty advisers of student publications, who constitute the CSPA's Board of Judges. These advisers are located throughout the United States and Canada."

The members of the 2016 Knight staff were Ruth Moon (editor-in-chief), Lauren Brown (seniors/student life editor), Callie Spears (academics editor), Kylie Sturgill (sports editor), Hannah Bayer (photographer), Sophie Decker-Pahl (sports), Mackenzie Dyer (sports), Ashley Franklin (photographer), Annie Gilliland (academics), Amber Goeb (sports), Lindsey Klausning (sports), Marly McCartney (academics), JJ Mowrey (seniors/student life), Zoie Nieto (computer specialist), Mackenzie Wagner (seniors/student life), and Johanna Youngpeter (academics).

~ All are welcome ~
Join us every Monday
morning at 8:00 a.m. at the
Van Buren United
Methodist Church

Experience the joy of replacing
anxiety with peace and hope
when you pray for your
children with other moms.

High School News

No Stopping the Powderpuff Football Game

The Annual Seniors vs. Juniors Powderpuff football game finally took place on Thursday, October 27 a month after it was originally scheduled. It was rained out on September 29 during Homecoming week. The crowd was small and the teams had less participants than in previous years, but all had fun. The Seniors won 22-18. They scored first and had a nice lead. The Juniors came back and had the lead, 18-16, in the 4th quarter. The Seniors had about 3 minutes to score and win. They marched down the field, using up all of their timeouts until they were within reach of the goal line. Then Senior Brylie Rampe scored the game winning touchdown with 6 seconds left on the clock.



Senior Team & Coaches: *Back Row:* Braxton Fasone, Brendan Roszman, Brandon Bell, Brady Deitrick, Tyler Saltzman, Riley Adolph. *Second Row:* Kila Fultz, Alexis Kieffer, Brylie Rampe, Emily Bado, Jordan Trenkamp. *First Row:* Lindsey Klausning, Adysson Miller, Boston Siferd, Tori Bookwalter.



Junior Team & Coaches: Jacob Leal, Nick Beitzel, Matthew Iliff, Khail Fazone. *Back Row:* Sarah Dishong, Lisa Simmons, Kailee Missler, Janelle Keck, Elizabeth Connor. *Middle Row:* Josie Masters, Carrigan Stacy, Amelia Durliat, Annie Mowrey, Morgan Jackson, Sadie Piehl. *Sitting:* Emma Scarberry.



Coaches Brandon Bell, Brady Deitrick, and Tyler Saltzman talk over a play with the senior girls.



Senior mothers formed a pyramid while cheering loudly for the senior girls. Mrs. Bell, on top, being held up by Mrs. LeVeck and Mrs. Foltz.



Senior Lindsey Klausning running for a touchdown being pursued by Junior Lisa Simmons.

Sports News

School News

All Sports Passes & Season Tickets for 2016-2017

All BVC JV/Varsity tickets prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Middle School prices remain the same at \$3 Adult and \$2 Student. Van Buren School will once again be offering an All Sports Pass which will entitle the pass holder into every regular home sporting event, (this now includes the Van Buren Wrestling Invitational and all track invitationals). These passes are non-transferable. The family members, upon purchasing the passes, will have their names put on the pass. **Passes must be present to enter the event.** It does not matter how many members are in the family.

- 1. **FAMILY PASS - \$275.** This plan includes general admission for the parents and all immediate family members in grades 1-12. It includes all home athletic events, junior high through varsity.
- 2. **STUDENT ALL SPORTS PASS - \$75.** General admission for any student, grades 1-12 to all home athletic cotests, junior high through varsity.
- 3. **ADULT ALL SPORTS PASS - \$125.** General admission for one adult to all home athletic contests, junior high through varsity.
- 4. **SEASON BOYS BASKETBALL PASS - \$66/ADULT, \$44/STUDENT.** General admission for all home boys' varsity basketball games.
- 5. **SEASON GIRLS BASKETBALL PASS - \$66/ADULT, \$44/STUDENT.** General admission for all home girls' varsity basketball games.

NOTES:

- 1. You may order your passes by filling out the following application, make checks payable to school, and mail to this address:
Van Buren High School, c/o Justin Slauterbeck
217 South Main Street, Van Buren, Ohio 45889
- 2. Senior Citizens - VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS ONLY, 65 years of age or older, will be admitted to all HOME games free of charge (barring a pre-sale due to demand). Senior citizens can also order a pass with this application. You do NOT need a new pass every year.
- 3. All pass holders, including senior citizens, will receive a pass. **You must have your pass to enter the game.** This will help our ticket takers greatly.
- 4. If you want a Family All Sports Pass and still reserve basketball seats, it will be an additional \$20.00 per seat.
- 5. If you held reserved seats this past year for Boys' Basketball, and would like to purchase the same seats, please indicate below.
- 6. If you have any questions or would like to purchase reserved basketball seats for the first time this upcoming season, please contact *Justin Slauterbeck, Athletic Director* *419-299-3254 or *jslauterbeck@vbschools.net.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

All-Sports Pass:

Family: ____ @ \$275.00 = \$ ____
Adult: ____ @ \$125.00 = \$ ____
Student: ____ @ \$75.00 = \$ ____

Boys' Basketball Season Tickets:

Adult: ____ @ \$66.00 = \$ ____
Student: ____ @ \$44.00 = \$ ____

Girls' Basketball Season Tickets:

Adult: ____ @ \$66.00 = \$ ____
Student: ____ @ \$44.00 = \$ ____

Reserved Seat Holders for Boys' Basketball:

- if you wish to purchase reserved seats for the first time or change your seat location, please contact the AD.
- If you previously purchased reserved seats and would like the same location, please check below.
____ I would like to purchase the same reserved seats from the past school year.
____ x \$20 per seat = \$ ____

Van Buren School District Resident Senior Citizen Pass: _____ (Free to resident 65 & older)

Names to be listed on passes:**Total enclosed:** = \$ _____



Rotary Youth Exchange Program

The Findlay Rotary Club is seeking families interested in serving as a host family for an International Exchange Student for the 2017-2018 school year. We are also seeking area students who may be interested in learning more about traveling abroad for a year through Rotary Youth Exchange. If you are interested in learning more about this unique and rewarding cultural experience, contact Chris Alexander at calexander@e-fnb.com or 419-722-9607.

Follow @VanBurenMS on Facebook and Twitter! Get late-breaking updates on school events and see all of the amazing things our rock-star staff and students are going every day!!!

Weather Announcements

Tune to AM 1330 WFIN, FM 100.5 WKXA, FM 96.7 WBVI, or FM 106.3 WBUK for weather announcements and your local TV stations. Should weather favor us with unseasonable climatic conditions, announcements will be made to accommodate those variances.

Sports News

Van Buren Girls Golf Team- "Summary of the Season"

The Lady Black Knights 2016 season can be summed up in just one word- **SUCCESS!** The team consisted of 9 hardworking young ladies whose efforts paid off after many hours of practice and dedication.

The season began with the team playing in several invitationals. They placed 2nd in the Celina Invitational, 4th in the Trojan Invitational, and 8th of 22 teams in the Edison Invitational.

The invitational experience proved valuable later in the post-season when the Lady Black Knights put up their best score of the season (358) in late September at the OHSAA Div. II Sectionals at Fostoria C.C. and came out winning the sectional title for the fourth straight year! One week later, the team advanced to play at the OHSAA Div. II Northwest District Tournament and finished in 8th place (398). The Black Knights finished with a record of 20 wins and 6 losses throughout the regular season play (excluding invitationals and tournaments).

To celebrate the terrific season and accomplishments, the team held an awards ceremony in the Community Room on October 27 and then attended the Northwest Ohio Girls Golf League's annual dinner banquet at the Pinnacle with 12 teams and guests attending. Within the NWOGGL, Van Buren ended up 3rd in the South Division. The team average for the season was 183 (5 strokes better than last year). Senior Zoie Nieto and Sophomore Olivia Sexton were presented with first team honors, while Junior Maria Trusty received Second team league honors. A very special "Most Sportsmanship" award was given to Zoie Nieto that was voted on by all of the golfers of the league the night of the banquet.

Van Buren awards consisted of Four-year Varsity Letterman Ashley Franklin and Zoie Nieto. Receiving Third-year Letterman Awards were Lydia Smith and Maria Trusty. Olivia Sexton was awarded her Second-year Letterman Award while Madelyn Badertscher, KiaLynne Bland, Sarah Franks, and Lily Wagner received their first Varsity Letter. Special team awards were presented to: Zoie Nieto - "Lowest Stroke Average (43)" Three Time Award Winner; Madelyn Badertscher - "Most Improved"; Lydia Smith - "Miss Sportsmanship"; Ashley Franklin and Zoie Nieto - "110% Award"; and KiaLynne Bland - "FORE" Award.

In addition to the team and league awards, Northwest District Division II honors for the year included: Second Team - Zoie Nieto and Honorable Mention - Ashley Franklin and Olivia Sexton. KiaLynne Bland, Zoie Nieto, and Lydia Smith all received Academic All-Ohio.

To finish the season, team members voluntarily worked the Coats for Christmas Service Project and assisted by hanging and loading coats at the City Laundry Facility. The girls had fun while paying forward to their community.

Team members and coaches Rhonda Nye and Bethany Archer would like to extend a sincere "THANK YOU" to Red Hawk Run and Staff, Van Buren teachers, coaches, staff members, administrators, Board of Education, Athletic Department, Athletic Director Justin Slaughterbeck, Athletic Boosters, Mike Kimmet, Eric Heitkamp, Tim Carles, and all of our parents, fans, and community members who have supported us throughout the season.

The team is graduating several seniors so next year will be a "rebuilding" year. If any young lady (grades 8-11) is interested in learning a life-time sport, working hard, and becoming a member of the 2017 golf team, please contact Coach Nye, Coach Archer, or any Lady Black Knight golf team member. An organizational meeting will be held sometime after the first of the year but it's not too early to make preparations NOW!



NWOGGL Honors - Maria Trusty, Olivia Sexton, and Zoie Nieto

January - February Menu/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017 1 JANUARY Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5) Italicized Print - MS & HS Menu (6-12) District III OMEA HS Honors Jazz Band Rehearsal @ Elida HS, 2:00 - 5:00 PM 8	NO SCHOOL 2 •Tacos, Nachos & Cheese, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Shredded Chicken Sandwich, Baked Beans, Chips, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar MS Boys Basketball w/Vanlue MS Girls Basketball @ Vanlue Arts Wing	NO SCHOOL 3 JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Patrick Henry •Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Peas, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Freshman Boys Basketball @ McComb 10	•Pizza, Corn, Carrot Stixs w/Dip, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL 4 Var Wrestling w/Findlay B & SJCC, 6:00 PM MS Girls Basketball w/St. Michaels MS Wrestling @ Kenton w/Allen East, TBA Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 11	•Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball w/McComb 5 JV & Var Girls Basketball w/Liberty Benton Freshman Boys Basketball @ Kalida Board of Education mtg, 6:30 PM, Community Room 12	•Sub Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Beef Burritos, Corn, Nachos & Cheese, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Freshman, JV, & Var Boys Basketball @ Liberty Benton, 4:45 PM 6 JV & Var Boys Basketball w/CR District III OMEA HS Honors Jazz Band Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 5:00 - 7:00 PM 13	District III OMEA HS Honors Choir & Band Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Freshman, JV, & Var Boys Basketball @ Patrick Henry, 4:30 PM MS Wrestling @ Fostoria Duals, 9:00 AM 7 District III OMEA HS Honors Choir & Band Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Freshman, JV & Var Boys Basketball w/Lima Central Catholic JV & Var Girls Basketball w/ Eastwood, 12:00 PM Var Wrestling - Spartan Invite @ Lima, 9:00 AM MS Wrestling @ Arcadia Chuck Mason Invite, 9:00 AM 14
OMEA District III HS Music Festival at Niswonger Performing Arts Center, (Van Wert MS/HS Campus) 3:00 P.M. 15	NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day MS Boys Basketball w/Pandora MS Girls Basketball @ Pandora 16	•Shredded Chicken Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Cheese Manicotti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Marion Pleasant, 5:00 PM 17	•Pizza, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Hamburger, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp Center 18	•Chili w/Cheese, Crackers, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Buttered Broccoli, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Academic Boosters - 2:00 PM, Community Room JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Vanlue 19	•Mini Corn Dogs, Curly Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken Quesadillas, Corn, Chips & Salsa, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Var Boys Basketball @ McComb Var Wrestling - Van Buren Invite, TBA 20	Var Wrestling - Van Buren Invitational, TBA MS Wrestling @ Northwood Invite, 10:00 AM MS Boys Basketball @ Elmwood, 12:30 PM MS Girls Basketball @ Elmwood, 10:00 AM Show Choir Competition at Marysville Showcase Show Choir Invitational, TBA 21
Lunch Prices: K-5 \$2.25 6-12 \$2.50 Ala Carte \$2.75 Salad Bar \$2.75 Adult \$2.90 Milk \$0.50 Sandwich \$1.80 French Fries \$1.65 Ice Cream \$0.90 22	•Hot Dog or Coney Dog, Tater Rounds, Cookies, Asst. Fruit, Milk •BBQ Rib Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar MS Boys Basketball @ North Baltimore MS Girls Basketball w/North Baltimore 23	•Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken Breast Sandwich, Baked Beans, Chips, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp Center 24	•Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Pizza, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp Center 25	•Chicken Breast Sandwich, Baked Beans, Chips, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball @ PG Freshman Boys Basketball w/PG MS Boys Basketball @ LB MS Girls Basketball w/LB 26	•Beef Ravioli, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk •French Toast Stixs, Eggs & Sausage, Hash Browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Boys Basketball w/ Hopewell Loudon 27	Freshman, JV & Var Boys Basketball w/Bluffton, 4:45 PM Var Wrestling @ Elmwood J. Szymczak Duals, 9:00 AM Show Choir Competition at Lebanon, IN Show Choir Invitational, TBA 28
This institute is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 29	•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Pepperoni & Cheese Breadstixs, Tossed Salad, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar MS Boys Basketball w/Arlington MS Girls Basketball @ Arlington 30	•Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Chicken Gravy, Peas, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar MS Girls Basketball @ Cory Rawson Invite, TBA 31	•Pizza, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Hamburger, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar MS Boys Basketball w/Lima Central Catholic MS Girls Basketball @ CR Invite, TBA Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 1 FEBRUARY	•Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Cheese Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball w/NB Freshman Boys Basketball @ NB 2	•BBQ Rib Sandwich, Curly Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Hot Dog or Coney Dog, Tater Rounds, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Boys Basketball @ Pandora Gilboa 3	Var Wrestling @ Elmwood w/Arcadia & McComb, 9:00 AM Freshman, JV & Var Boys Basketball w/Delta, 4:45 PM MS Girls Basketball @ CR Invite, TBA 4
5	•Pepperoni & Cheese Breadstixs, Corn, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chili w/Cheese, Crackers, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar MS Boys Basketball w/Leipsic Athletic Boosters - 7:00 PM, Community Room 6	•Chicken Breast Sandwich, Baked Beans, Fritos, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Miller City Freshman Boys Basketball @ Findlay HS 7	•Hamburgers, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Pizza, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar Var Wrestling w/Lima Senior & Waite MS Girls Basketball @ Cory Rawson Invite, TBA Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center 8	•Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Girls Basketball @ Arlington Freshman Boys Basketball w/ Arlington MS Boys Basketball @ St. Mikes Board of Education mtg, 7:00 PM, Community Room 9	•French Toast Stix, Eggs & Sausage, Hash Browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Taco Salad, Corn Chips, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk or Salad Bar JV & Var Boys Basketball w/ Leipsic 10	HS District III OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Lima Sr HS MS Girls Basketball @ CR Invite, TBA 11

Early Dismissal for Students for Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Christmas Break

Wednesday - Tuesday

December 21, 2016 - January 3, 2017

School Resumes

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

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Home Safety Seminar - "Your Safety, Your Responsibility"

By Edward May, Mayor

The Village of Van Buren would like to invite you to attend a Home Safety Seminar on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 7:30 PM in the Van Buren High School Auditorium.

The Village is partnering with Hancock County Sheriff's Office to learn about your rights in protecting yourself inside and outside the home.

- Self Defense in Public
- Self Defense in the home (castle doctrine)
- Home Safety Action Plans
- Improve the security of your home

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Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 16, 2017

President's Day

Monday, February 20, 2017

Spring Break

Thursday, Friday & Monday, April 13 - 17, 2017

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