

# Knighly News

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## Fourth Graders Learn the Gift of Giving



The Van Buren fourth grade students learned that giving can be much more rewarding than receiving this Christmas season. Instead of having a gift exchange with their peers, they donated items to make gift bags for senior citizens in need.

First, we read the book called *Coat of Many Colors* by Dolly Parton. It is a memoir about how much Dolly treasured the patchwork coat her mother had made her as a child because it was made with a lot of love. The students then created Christmas cards for the elderly in which they drew illustrations and wrote inspiring messages with love. Then the students put together their gift bags. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of the fourth graders and their families, we were able to provide 78 large bags each filled with 17 items such as food, denture cream, shampoo, puzzle books, and more. The bags were distributed to the senior citizens at the Senior Center where they were received with much appreciation.

On the last day of school before Christmas break, the students took a field trip to the Senior Center which included a tour of the facility as well as hot chocolate and cookies provided by the staff at the Senior Center. The students especially enjoyed the exercise room where they played the Wii. Miranda Eaton, Lily Wagner, Aliza Stahl, Savannah Martin, Quentin Weddell, Connor Ohlrich, Jessica Rinehart, and Natalee Harris played some instrumental solos for the seniors as they ate their lunch. At the end of their visit, all of the fourth grade students sang songs and played their recorders. Not only did the students bring joy to the senior citizens, but they also received joy from giving.

*"For it is in giving that we receive." - St. Francis of Assisi*

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## Van Buren Represented by Two Students in County Spelling Bee and Both Advance to Regionals

Matthew Iloff, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader in Mrs. Word's class, was crowned champion of the Van Buren Elementary spelling bee, on Friday January 21, 2011. Matthew successfully spelled 'jalapeño' to win this year's event and move on to the Hancock County Spelling Bee which was held on February 10, 2011, at Central Middle School. Matthew placed 7<sup>th</sup> advancing him on to the Regional Spelling Bee to be held on March 15, 2011, at 6:00P.M. This Spelling Bee



will be held at Owens Community College, Toledo, Ohio.

Matthew Iloff, son of James and Tracey Iloff.



Drew Conner, son of Jeff and Jennifer Conner.

Eighth grader Drew Conner competed at Van Buren Middle School, won, and also advanced on to the Hancock County/Findlay City Spelling Bee where he was runner-up! Drew will also be heading to the Regional Bee!

Great job Matthew and Drew and good luck to the both of you in Toledo!

*🎉 Congratulations 🎉*

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## High School/Middle School News

### VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

#### *Second Nine-Week Grading Period 2010 - 2011 School Year*

##### ALL "A's"

**6th Grade** Hunter Atchison, Brandon Bell, Laura Harper, Lindsey Klausung, Adysson Miller, Angela Mitchell, Zoie Nieto, Abby Patterson, Tyler Saltzman, Lydia Smith, Emma Strong, Cassandra Waltmire, Mercedes Williamson

**7th Grade** Briana Barnhisel, Marcus Brand, Morgan Drake, Alexander Duran, Rebekah Frampton, Samantha Hagans, Brooklyn Hoyng, Andrew Kelley, Ethan LaFontaine, Samuel Lawn, Ruth Moon, Cole Ohlrich, Katelyn Reineke, Carlee Schmelzer, Jared Smith, Callie Spears, Kylie Sturgill

**8th Grade** Emily Anderbery, Andrew Conner, Timmie Dong, Jennifer Irving, Britton Jackson, Shivang Saxena, Chancellor Sonnenberg

**9th Grade** Colin Causey, Michael Domke, Brandon Edelbrock, Madison Endicott, Michelle Flanagan, Robyn Flick, Aaron Franklin, Jenna Gallelo, Zach Hiris, Silver Joa, Kelly McCartney, Alyssa Norr, Ashley Overmyer, Tory Palmer, Ivan Quezada, Jonathan Rafferty, Rachell Resnik, Natalie Risser, Courtney VanHorn, Alisa Warren, Matthew Wilkins

**10th Grade** Elyse Anderbery, Sarah Benson, Heather Clark, Michaela Conkle, Malynn Eaton, Laura Endicott, Audrey Evans, Kaleigh Frampton, Olivia Godzak, Brandi Hoyng, Sydney Jameson, Alexis Kelley, Cameron King, Ashley Lovell, Hailey Lowden, Daniel Moon, Cala Reynolds, Dylan Sexton, Kayla Sonnenberg, Kristen Tropf, Zachary Wehrle

**11th Grade** Chaney Brown, Jaclyn Cole, Ashton Combs, Brian Davidson, Julia Endicott, Kaitlyn Endicott, Taylor Fieger, Kiera Gaswint, Meagan Grine, Jessica Hammond, Elizabeth Kniss, Macy McCartney, Dean Rodabaugh, Kshitij Saxena, Taylor Watkins

**12th Grade** Erica Arthur, Brooke Barnhisel, Callie Bays, Jessica Borsani, Carol Campbell, Devon Causey, Madison Coldren, Matthew Early, Logan Eaton, Aaron Edelbrock, Zachary Hoehn, Matthew Lee, Kaly Leeper, Colleen McCormick, Jude Palmer, Brooke Rehus, Lindsay Rinker, Jacob Sexton, Hannah Shank, Megan Stewart, Clay Sudlow, Olivia Wills

**8th Grade** Ross Adolph, Allison Arthur, Matthew Bach, Kyle Bishop, Bryce Bowers, Caitlin Brink, Kristin Conner, Desirae Cooper, Matthew Cooper, Adam Endicott, Draeton Fasone, Maxwell Frost, Rachel George, Mackenzie Howard, Bailei Hoyng, Lucas Huber, Jameson Jacobs, Kristina Jeon, Brooke Klausung, Brice Lawrence, Jessica Lawrence, Kailey Leal, Dillan Ludwig, Cole Martin, Nathan Maynard, Alyssa Miller, Abigail Phillips, Justin Phillips, Ian Rafferty, David Roy, Tyler Sarreshteh, Wade Schimmoeller, Paige Schmelzer, Isaac Sexton, Rachel Silver, Audrie Ward, Thomas Wolford, Alexis Youngpeter

**9th Grade** Matthew Bado, Kenzi Beall, Kaylee Boney, Dean Brink, Austin Corey, Shelby George, Carlie Hertel, Collin Hiatt, Nicholas Hoehn, James Irving, Sawyer Junge, Jacob E. Kelley, Esther Moon, Ayasha Paluch-Keckler, Drew Patterson, Scott Phillips, Daniel Roberts, Joel Schumacker, Abigail Shroll, Elijah Simon, Breanna Starr, Paige Sudlow, Macaulay Williams

**10th Grade** Chandler Adams, Tyler Atchison, Ryan Brauneller, Alexis Clark, Anna Dengler, Morgan Flick, Erik Glass, Sarah Greer, Grace Haffenden, Alexander Kane, Emily Lammers, Brady Lucas, Timothy Mutchler, Ora Oler, Joshua Pettry, Alec Rampe, Sarah Reichenbaugh, Olivia Roberts, George Shawver IV, Ashley Smith, Brennon Swain, David Weber

**11th Grade** Sarah Benjamin, Julia Edelbrock, Jacob Gilliland, Lacie Kern, Zane Kieffer, Bryon Lako, Tabitha Lewis, Cory Mathias, Jeremiah McDougale, Tyler McGrain, Paige Pierce, Amanda Pummell, Lucas Reed, Joshua Roberts, Sara Roth, Stephanie Sawyer, Shawn Smith, Brittany Snyder, Eric Wymer

**12th Grade** Rachel Adolph, Riley Bayer, Jacob Brown, Rose Brown, Rebecca Farling, Rebecca Franks, Alexa Frena, Vinh Hang, Jacob Huber, Michael Hummell, Kylie Jacomet, Meredith Keck, Tiffany Keiser, Brandon Lucas, Richard Meyer, Scott Neall, Teresa Schultz, Emily Toupalik, Tabitha Vandersall, Gage Ward, Jonathon Ward

##### ALL "A's" and "B's"

**6th Grade** Riley Adolph, Brittany Arnold, Sydnee Atchison, Emily Bado, Jacob Below, Tori Bookwalter, Lauren Brewer, McClain Brown, Blake Colburn, Brady Deitrick, Ryan Domke, Mitchell Endicott, Braxton Fasone, Jayden Foltz, Tabatha Frost, Kila Fultz, Austin Hickman, Jinsung Jeon, Alexis Kieffer, Marly McCartney, Summer Poland, Brylie Rampe, Rebecca Reichenbaugh, Luke Rickenbacher, Aaron Rinehart, Zachary Schiefer, Noah Schumacker, Allison Snider, David Starr, Ethan Stumpp

**7th Grade** Alejandro Arriaga, Jonathan Bach, Anthony Bilbrey, Kami Boney, Logan Brooker, Lauren Brown, Corey Buchholtz, Logan Calzada, Mason Carruthers, Aric Dewey, Mackenzie Edler, Madeline Ellingsworth, Taylor Gilliland, Brayden Harris, Elexia Hassan, Evan Heminger, Mary Kane, Ian Kern, Gabrielle King, Brianne Lasley, Zachary Lonyo, Victoria Manley, Gabriele McCracken, Nicklaus Overmyer, Franklin Pina, Justin Routzon, Thomas Rowles, Olivia Sattler, Jacob Shawver

**Apologies to Lauren Brewer, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, who was inadvertently omitted from the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks ALL "A" Honor Roll for the 2010-2011 school year.**

***Last Day for Students is  
Friday, May 27, 2011,  
due to Make-up Calamity Day***

## VB Academic Boosters Proudly Present

### January 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; and/or outstanding performance.

All students chosen monthly will receive a coupon for a free McDouble sandwich from North Baltimore McDonalds and a certificate of recognition from the Academic Boosters organization.



**Back Row:** Amanda Pummell, Jackie Cole, Julia Endicott, Erica Arthur, Heather Debouver, Joseph Simon, Matt DeVore, Tory Palmer. **Middle Row:** Paige Sudlow, Madi Endicott, Courtney Van Horn, Dylan Sexton, Amber Davis, Kiera Gaswint. **Front Row:** Robyn Flick, Cala Reynolds, Ivan Quezada, Jake Gilliland, Joel Schumacker. **Not Pictured:** Alex Schiefer.

### Van Buren HS/MS Guidance

- Those juniors planning on going to college after graduation are encouraged to take the ACT test at least once before entering their senior year of high school. Sophomores should also think about taking the ACT at the conclusion of this year. The April 9 testing deadline is March 4 and the June 11 testing deadline for registration is May 6.
- This is the time of the year when scholarships for seniors start coming in on a regular basis. Seniors should stop in the guidance office weekly to pick up applications. Also, all Hancock Community Foundation scholarships are available on line at [www.community-foundation.com](http://www.community-foundation.com).
- Scheduling for next year is taking place this month. It is important that the student, parent, and teachers are all involved in the student's course selection for next year.
- There will be a scheduling meeting for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the high school cafeteria on March 9 at 6:30 P.M. We will be selecting classes for those students entering Van Buren High School as a freshman for the 2011-2012 school year. The student and at least one parent are expected to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you need to contact Mr. Zender in the guidance office. Information is being sent home with all Van Buren 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Any student who may be participating in college athletics, needs to register with the NCAA clearinghouse. This is to be done by the end of their junior year. You can register with the clearinghouse at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.org](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.org). You are to notify the guidance office when registering so we can send in your six semester transcript.

### December & January Virtuous Knights

Many VBMS students go above and beyond every day to make our school and community a better place. Each middle school teacher selects one student per month as a Virtuous Knight. Virtuous Knights strongly exhibit the following qualities: *Hard-working, Enthusiastic, Kind to Others, Respectful, Generous, Responsible, School and Self Pride.*

Each student will receive a coupon for a free McDouble sandwich from North Baltimore McDonalds. Congratulations to the following students who have shown themselves to be Virtuous Knights.



**December – Back Row:** Suni Torrez, Collin Coulter, Marly McCartney, Lauren Brown, Brandon Shepherd, Riley Adolph, Matt Cooper, Alex Duran. **Front Row:** Sarah Franks, Kami Boney, Lexi Hassan, Bailei Hoyng, Mackenzie Hiatt, Brianne Lasley.



**January – Back Row:** Kailey Leal, Emily Anderbery, Mitchell Endicott, Brandon Bell, Aaron Scasny, Britton Jackson, Reno Evans. **Front Row:** Maleah Martin, Brianna Barnhisel, Emma Strong, Mercedes Williamson, Jared Smith, Evan Heminger. **Not Pictured:** AJ Arriaga.

## Superintendent's News

## School News

### Message from the Superintendent

We finally have a break from the snow and spring is just around the corner. Several issues have been in the forefront both locally and at the state level which concerns the Van Buren Schools. At the state level, the myriad of legislation being considered on collective bargaining, retirement plans, calamity days, and the state's budget deficit in relation to school funding are all issues of which can affect the Van Buren Schools. Locally, issues such as building usage, curriculum planning, technology and our local budget top the list.

There is legislation pending in relation to calamity days. Currently, the law provides for three calamity days for this school year. There is a bill pending which would up the calamity days from three to five for this year. At the present time, we have utilized four calamity days. As it stands, we have one make-up day for students which will be held on Friday, May 27. If the state would pass legislation granting the two additional calamity days, we would be back to our original last student day of school on Thursday, May 26. We will inform you of any changes if the legislature acts on this issue.

Collective bargaining, changes in retirement, the state deficit, and its effect on the local budget are issues that can have a major effect on our budget. The issues and challenges in front of the legislature, along with the position of the Governor and his cabinet, are areas that we are diligently watching. The many issues are too vast in scope to discuss in this article, but we will keep you informed of their impact as any of them become reality.

On the local level, we are considering curricular issues for the future such as all-day, every day kindergarten, increased course offerings at the high school and middle school (including expanding the distance learning which began in the middle school this year), and the further development and planning of our use of technology in education such as the 1-to-1 computing initiative which began in the middle school this year. Unfortunately, no matter how much importance we may place on any of these issues, the above listed budget concerns and constraints will impact these issues. The use of school facilities by both school and non-school groups has been an issue lately. Under the direction of the board, the administrative team will be reviewing the current policies (which were last updated 12 years ago) and reexamine the policies including weekend use, the fee schedule, security, clean up and other items. An updated policy and guidelines should be presented to the board sometime this spring. Speaking of spring, baseball, softball, and track will be starting soon. Throughout these sport seasons, we continually have a problem with spectators parking in fire lanes and in non-designated parking areas. Especially when we have multiple activities going on, people tend to park in the fire lane around the island between the two academic buildings, and in other inappropriate spots. Please, obey all parking designations and restrictions when parking on school grounds. While we realize that parking can be difficult on school property at times, the importance of fire and emergency personnel, along with buses and other vital vehicles being able to reach our buildings, students, and visitors must take precedence over the inconvenience of having to walk an additional distance to attend a game or function.

As always, I appreciate all that you do to help make the Van Buren Schools a success. Please contact me by phone, email, through the web site, or in person to discuss concerns, ideas, or positives concerning our school.

### Preschool Openings Available for 2011-2012 School Year

Preschool classes for special needs students have been available to our students for several years.

Enrollment in the preschool class as a special needs student requires screening to establish the presence of developmental delays or other special needs. The Hancock County Educational Service Center will hold a county screening for 3 and 4 year old children for whom there may be concerns in the areas of gross or fine motor skills, speech-language or conceptual development. If you know of any child that might qualify for this program, please make an appointment by calling 419-422-7525, ext. 209 by March 4, 2011. Pre-registration is required for this screening.

### Van Buren High/Middle/Elementary School Students and Parents/Guardians

The price for the 2011 Knight is now \$55.00. A student can have his/her name stamped onto the book for \$5.00 but orders must be placed by March 1, 2011, and a protective plastic cover can be purchased for \$3.00. 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 and that the check is made payable to the 2011 Knight for the number of books purchased.

The yearbook staff thanks you for your support of the Knight, 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 2011 Knight Van Buren Elementary, Middle School and High School

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$55.00 each Price of the 2011 Knight in FULL COLOR (coverage of the whole school including the elementary, middle school, and high school)

\$5.00 each Price to have your name put on your yearbook  
(Ordered by March 1, 2011)  
Write how you would like your name to appear  
\_\_\_\_\_

\$3.00 each Plastic protective cover for your book

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
	2011 <u>Knight</u>	\$55.00	
	Name on Book	\$5.00	
	Plastic Cover	\$3.00	
Please make all checks payable to: 2011 <u>Knight</u> . TOTAL			

These special needs classes have provisions to include a limited number of "typical developing" students also. This number has increased to 12 students for the 2011-2012 school year. A typically developing preschooler would be described as any 3 or 4 year old child who is developing appropriately (socially, physically, and verbally) according to their age. These children will serve as peer role models for the children in our program who have special needs. Currently, tuition for "typical students" is \$85 per month.

Parents interested in enrolling their child for participation in the "typical" program should complete an application by April 1, 2011. We will be accepting up to 12 typical students for our preschool for next year. Please contact Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Morey if interested at 419-299-3416.

# High School News

# FFA News

## College Panel

On Tuesday, December 21 several former Van Buren students came back to talk to seniors about life in college. The discussion included: choosing a major, what classes in high school helped the most when they got to college, talking to your professors, what to bring to college, roommates, study time, time management, extracurricular activities, studying abroad, co-op opportunities and many more topics. Seniors asked questions, as well as Mr. Zender and Ms. Schwemley to generate the discussion. Thank you to the following graduates for giving up precious sleep time to participate during their winter break from college: Logan Grant and Maddie Grant (University of Toledo), John Word and Lauren Clark (Bowling Green State University), Alex Roszman and Erika Stacy (The Ohio State University), Michael Flanagan (University of Cincinnati), Ashley Cytlak (Taylor University), and Bailey Heminger (Ohio Northern University).



## FFA Staying Warm

The FFA has worked at keeping warm as this cold weather is lingering over. January has been a steady month for the FFA with the Career Development Events starting and FFA Week right around the corner.

The FFA had a meeting in January where discussion of the upcoming CDE events, FFA Week, and preparation for the Farmer Appreciation Breakfast, which was held on February 19, 2011, at the high school at 8:00 A.M. The FFA invites community members, parents, and grandparents to the event to say 'thank you' for what they do throughout the year. After all the important discussion from the meeting was completed, the FFA members went sledding for an activity.

Also, in January, several students participated in Tractor Troubleshooting. Jake Gilliland, Tyler Hiatt, Collin Hiatt, and Robbie Sanders all traveled to Cory-Rawson to show their wit and knowledge in tractor repair. The boys were in teams of two and had to find the issue with two different tractors and a bobcat. Jake Gilliland and Tyler Hiatt ended up 6<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams which is very good for their first year. It was a great learning experience and they all look forward to going again next year. The other event was the speech contest. Mary Davidson, Jake Gilliland, Tyler Hiatt, and Tyler McGrain all participated. The students had to present a speech to two judges that was 5-7 minutes long. Once all the nerves were gone they all did a great job and made it through the night. Tyler McGrain placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 7 in his division. The other students placed well in their division and overall had a great experience. The FFA is moving on through the month of February, but is ready for the warm weather of spring!



Jake Gilliland- Preparing to snowboard!



Olivia Roberts-She is confused on how to use the sled!



Dean Brink- The only snowboarder to successfully make it down the hill!



Kenny Chambers- Sledding down the hill!



Aaron Crissman and Jordan Cassidy- SNOWBALL FIGHT!!!

## Middle School News

### News from MS Principal Jay Clark

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Challenge Team Represents VB in Columbus

Sixth graders McClain Brown, Lindsey Klausung, and Aaron Rinehart traveled to the eTech Ohio educational technology conference to represent Van Buren in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) challenge. The team built a robot and programmed it to navigate a course, completing specific tasks. Unfortunately, our time was cut short due to inclement weather, but our team did a terrific job working together to problem-solve. Thanks to Mr. Marshall for advising the team.



#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington, DC Trip SCRIPS Fundraising Update

For our families taking advantage of SCRIPS fundraising, the last order that will apply toward this year's Washington, D.C. trip is Friday, March 3. A few days following that order date, credit for SCRIPS orders made since December will be applied to students' trip accounts. So, there are still two orders after today to apply towards the trip (February 18 and March 4). As with the first credit to trip accounts, a notice will be sent to those families with the amount of the credit.

#### Reminder to Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: Students Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Are Required to Have the Tdap Immunization.

Contact your physician or the health department to schedule this vaccination.

#### Middle School Parent Advisory Coffee Scheduled

VBMS parents are invited to attend our Friday, April 8 advisory coffee at 9:00 A.M. in the community room. Please RSVP with Mrs. Keeran at 419-299-3384 or [dkeeran@vbschools.net](mailto:dkeeran@vbschools.net).

#### One-Act Plays Produced by Eighth Graders

Each of Mrs. Sunderman's eighth grade language arts classes produced a one-act play, which were performed during the last week of January. These were student-directed projects with minimal advising from Mrs. Sunderman.



#### VBMS Represented at Ohio Middle Level Association Annual Conference

Two different concurrent sessions were presented by Van Buren Middle School staff members during the Ohio Middle Level Association's annual professional conference. The conference, which attracts nearly 1,000 middle level teachers, administrators, counselors, pre-service teachers, and college instructors was held at the Kalahari Conference Center in Sandusky February 17 and 18.

Jack Marshall, in collaboration with the Nuhop Center for Experiential Learning, presented a session entitled "Team-Building with a Tent". This session highlighted our seventh grade outdoor education camp program and how the seventh grade team worked with Camp Nuhop with instructional activities that focused on state academic content standards while providing students with problem-solving and team-work opportunities.

Jay Clark presented a master scheduling roundtable for administrators to share and discuss ideas for best use of instructional time and human resources during the school day.

#### "Color My World"

Findlay's Silver Blades Figure Skating Club will be presenting its 36<sup>th</sup> annual ice show on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 25, 26, and 27. Performances will start at 7:00 P.M. on Friday and Saturday and 2:00 P.M. on Sunday. There are 86 skaters in the club from the surrounding area with nine from Van Buren Schools.

The theme this year is "Color My World" where all the colors of the rainbow come to life. Our Van Buren skaters include: Jackie Cole, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, has been skating for 13 years and is the daughter of Mike and Sharon Cole. Ashley Overmyer, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, is the daughter of Shannon and Amanda Overmyer and has been skating for 7 years.



Emily Anderbery, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who is also a 7<sup>th</sup> year skater; is the daughter of Dale and Sue Anderbery. Kylie Sturgill, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, has been skating for 4 years and is the daughter of Will and Joy Sturgill. Kelsey Welch, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, is the daughter of Jim Welch and Heather Caligiuri and has been skating for 4 years. Megan Muzy, 4<sup>th</sup>

grade, is a 5<sup>th</sup> year skater and the daughter of Adam and Cassie Muzy. Katarina Koehler, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, is the daughter of Jim and Tracy Koehler and a 6<sup>th</sup> year skater. Keana Rider, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year skater and the daughter of Heath and Nicole Rider. Ella Webster, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, has been skating for 2 years and is the daughter of Nate and Lyn Webster. In addition to the wonderful local skaters, the show will feature two guest skaters.

These girls and their families would like to invite all of you to come and watch the show. Tickets go on sale March 1. Prices are \$16 for reserved chair seats. General Admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens (60 and older). Tickets can be purchased through any of these skaters or by contacting Cassie Muzy at 419-299-3503.

## School News

### VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOL 2011 - 2012 School Calendar

August 23	Tuesday	Teachers and Staff Meetings
August 24	Wednesday	First Day for Students
August 31 - September 2	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Hancock County Fair
September 5	Monday	No School - Labor Day
September 6	Tuesday	School Resumes
September 15	Thursday	No School - County-wide Teacher In-Service
September 30	Friday	Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
October 28	Friday	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 weeks
November 21 & 22	Monday & Tuesday	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<i>(Monday evening, all day Tuesday and Tuesday evening) No School for students Tuesday through Friday</i>		
November 23, 24, & 25	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Thanksgiving Vacation
December 2	Friday	Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
December 22 - January 2	Thursday through Monday	Christmas Break
January 3	Tuesday	School Resumes
January 13	Friday	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester - (End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks)
January 16	Monday	No School - Martin Luther King Day
February 17	Friday	Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
February 20	Monday	No School - President's Day
March 23	Friday	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks
April 5 - 9	Thursday, Friday, Monday	No School - Spring Break
May 4	Friday	Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
May 27	Sunday	Graduation
May 28	Monday	No School - Memorial Day
May 30	Wednesday	Last day for Students - End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
May 31	Thursday	Teacher Work Day

#### Calamity/Weather Make-Up Days - May 31, June 1, 4, 5, 6

#### 9-Weeks Grading Period

Aug. 24 — Oct. 28 = 43 days  
 Oct. 31 — Jan. 13 = 43 days  
 Jan. 17 — March 23 = 48 days  
 March 26 — May 30 = 44 days

#### Interim Schedule

Wednesday, September 28  
 Wednesday, November 30  
 Wednesday, February 15  
 Wednesday, April 25

### The Van Buren Education Association Would Like to Thank Everyone Who Supported Our Chili Cook-off!

What's better than eating hot chili on a cold winter day? Eating hot chili to support the VBEA scholarship fund! Each year the VBEA awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior who will be studying to enter the field of education, and we appreciate everyone who supported our students by attending the 2011 VBEA Chili Cook-off.

The cook-off, which was held on January 7 in the elementary cafeteria prior to the boys' basketball game versus Liberty-Benton, was won by the Fine Arts team, consisting of Rick Eakin, Rhonda Nye, Linda Schwemley, and James Vaughn. The name of their chili was Chili Today, Hot Tamale, and it included cheese and colorful chips on top.

The other teams were first grade teachers Brian Beining, Erika Bishop, Clarisa Gunder, and Lyn Webster with their Campfire Chili; middle school teachers Stevie Brown, Chris Henry, and Jack Marshall with their Pirate Chili; third grade teachers Tricia Basinger, Marcy Clark, Roxanne Parsell, and Dana Patterson with their Spice Up Your Life Chili; high school teachers Louise Teaman and Neil Bartlett with their Stoplight Chili; teachers Brian Bratt, Mike Daniels, Andy Fields, and Mike Newcomer with their Hunter's Delight Chili; fifth grade teachers Diane Erford, Cassie Ohlrich, Beppie Walerius, and Lesa Word with their Chili-oodles of Noodles; high school teachers Eric Heitkamp and Kevin Shoup with their Silver Bucket Chili; and the athletic boosters with their first-year chili entry.

The VBEA members would like to thank Mike Daniels, Linda Schwemley, and all of the other members who contributed to making sure this event went smoothly, and thank you again to everyone who attended the cook-off.

### BOGO BOOKFAIR!

The Middle/High School Library will be holding a Buy One, Get One Free book fair from April 4 - 8, 2011. This should be fun for the students. How often do you get a deal like this? This is a Scholastic bookfair—the same vendor we have used in the past. This one will be books only—no school supplies or other miscellaneous items. This would be a good opportunity to stock up for summer reading. On the down side, we have to start charging sales tax. (Just another life lesson.)

See you at the book fair!

### FAREWELL AND THANKS TO STATELY RAVEN BOOKSTORE

Many of us were sad to see the Stately Raven Bookstore close. It was a beautiful place to read, browse and buy. We purchased some books at the closing sale, then Mr. Michael Cole (owner), invited me to choose books for our library at no charge once the store had closed. This was very generous of him. We also purchased three bookcases for the MS/HS library.

Thank you, Mr. Cole.

## Elementary News

### December 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 month of December. Students were also able to invite a friend or family member to join them at the round table. Congratulations to these students!



*Back Row:* Dom Donaldson, Karis Brown, Sam Phillips, Maria Trusty, Josh Bresler, Cheyenne Potteiger, Emily LeCroy. *Middle Row:* Lucas Badertscher, Brady Losiewicz, Jessica Rinehart, Eli Franks, Nicole Conine, Annika Rinehart, Alex Marshall. *Front Row:* Jasmine Dietelbach, Emma Henry, Kendra Odenweller, Paul Klausing, Joshua Drake, Avery Heitkamp, Ava Leal.

**Last Day for Students is  
Friday, May 27, 2011,  
due to Make-up Calamity Day**

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held March 23, 2011, through April 8, 2011. Please contact the Van Buren Elementary office at 419-299-3416 during these dates between 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to set up your appointment. Screenings are done on a first-come, first-serve basis. The screenings will take place Monday, April 11, 2011, in the Van Buren Elementary School. All youngsters must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2011, to attend.

Parents or Guardians should bring on the day of the screening the child's:

- Birth certificate
- Actual dates of immunizations
- Social security number
- Custody Papers (if applicable)

Centers will be set up to accommodate speech, hearing, language and vision development.

Please be advised of the necessary immunization requirements. DTaP/DTP – 5 doses, Polio – 4 doses, MMR – 2 doses, Hepatitis B – 3 doses and 2 doses of the Varicella vaccine or a letter from your doctor with verification that your child has had the disease.

For more information on immunizations, please contact the Hancock County Health Department at 419-424-7869. Please call for a clinic appointment. You are encouraged to do this as soon as possible. Summer clinics tend to be very busy.

## preschool Screening

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011

A developmental screening for 3, 4 and 5 year-old children for whom there may be concerns in the areas of gross or fine motor skills, speech-language or readiness. In addition a vision and hearing screening will be offered.

**It's  
FREE!**

For students in the following school districts:  
Arcadia - Arlington - Cory Rawson  
Liberty Benton - McComb - Van Buren - Vanlue

#### SCREENING LOCATION:

Findlay First Nazarene Church  
2501 Broad Avenue, Findlay

**\*\*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\*\***

For a screening appointment call:  
419.422.7525, ext. 209

**Between the dates of  
February 1, 2011 and March 4, 2011**

(A confirmation will be mailed)

Register early! ~ Sessions fill quickly!

**Conducted by:**

HANCOCK COUNTY  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

"Meeting Student Needs Through Cooperative Efforts"

7746 C.R. 140, Findlay, OH 45840  
Phone 419.422.7525 ~ Fax 419.422.8766

# *Elementary News*

## **Fourth Graders Learn the Gift of Giving** (continued from front page)



## Elementary News

### Pajamas and Reading Make Great Combination

The fourth graders participated in the Pajama Program sponsored by Scholastic books (check out [www.pajamaprogram.org](http://www.pajamaprogram.org) for more details). Our wonderful students and their families donated 33 pairs of new pajamas for children in need. They were also challenged to earn their Scholastic Reading Counts points for the month of December. For every student who earned his/her points, fifty cents was donated by an anonymous donor. This money was then used to buy more pajamas. A grand total of **43 new pairs of pajamas** were donated to Hancock County children who needed warm pajamas. The pajamas were distributed by Chopin Hall to families in need. A surprise accompanied the pajamas — brand new books were also provided!



### Two VB Students To Perform in Arts Partnership Youtheatre's Spring Production

VB's own Karis Brown (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Hunter Wymer (5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be busy over the next month preparing for The Arts Partnership Youtheatre's spring production of *Disney's The Jungle Book KIDS*. The show will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Findlay on March 25 and 26 at 7:00 P.M. and March 27 at 2:30 P.M. For tickets call The Arts Partnership box office at 419-422-4624.



## Musical News

Van Buren High School Music Department presents

March 25-27, 2011

Van Buren Auditorium



\$10 – ADULTS  
\$7 – STUDENTS

Tickets go on sale to the public during the week of the show.

Become a patron of the Van Buren Musical!

\$25 = two advance sale tickets and a patron ad in the program.

See the patron ad form below for more information! Patrons receive the **first opportunity** for seat reservations!

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE!

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019  
Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684  
[www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

### The Association Has Outstanding Performance

On Saturday, January 22, 2011, *The Association* gave an outstanding performance at the Piqua Show Choir Invitational at the very early hour of 8:30 A.M.! In fact, Van Buren's show choir held first place through the entire morning block of performances! Despite the very tough competition and the early performance, the group held a respectable 9<sup>th</sup> place and were only four points from Runner-Up in Class C!

Congratulations to Clay Sudlow (first year member!) for winning the Outstanding Performer Award within our show choir, and congrats to these awesome students for braving the COLD and putting on an entertaining and superb performance!

The next competition for *The Association* and *The Essentials* will be the Twinsburg HS Choir Northcoast Invitational in Twinsburg, Ohio on Saturday, February 26, 2011. Best of luck!

### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND – FEDERAL LAW REQUIREMENT

Parent Notification by District - if a district receives Title 1 funds, notification must be sent to parents informing them of the right to request information on the qualifications of their child's teacher. The district must provide (if requested) the following:

- Whether the teacher has met the certification requirements of the state.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher in the field or discipline of his or her certificate or degree.
- Whether or not the child is provided service by a paraprofessional and, if so, his or her qualifications.

# Musical News

# Sport News

## BECOME A PATRON OF THE VAN BUREN MUSICAL SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE!

A patron of the musical receives the following:

- ADVERTISEMENT in the program, showing your support!
- TWO tickets to any day's performance (or spread out over two days if you desire.) *THESE ARE ADVANCE SALE TICKETS so you know you'll be getting the best seats in the house!*

To be included in the program, return the bottom order, filled out and with your payment (checks made payable to VAN BUREN MUSICAL), by **March 14, 2011**, to:

**Van Buren Musical/Patron Ad  
Van Buren High School  
217 S. Main St.,  
Van Buren OH 45889**

If you want to pick out tickets yourself, you may do so before or after school ONLY during the week of March 14-18.

Questions? Email James Vaughn, director, at [jvaughn@vbschools.net](mailto:jvaughn@vbschools.net) or call 419-299-3384 x429.

CUT OUT AND RETURN BELOW

### VAN BUREN MUSIC AND DRAMA DEPARTMENTS PATRON AD SchoolHouse Rock Live!

NAME AND MESSAGE – PLEASE PRINT ABOVE ON LINES PROVIDED  
2 lines of copy – 36 characters per line maximum

Indicate number of tickets  
(2 Given Per Ad):  
FRIDAY \_\_\_\_\_  
SATURDAY \_\_\_\_\_  
SUNDAY \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve Tickets For:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Pick Out Seats For Me (check here)** \_\_\_\_\_ (will be available at will call on the evening of the performance)  
**I Wish To Pick Out The Seats (check here)** \_\_\_\_\_ (any tickets not picked out by March 18 will be picked out by musical staff for you)

## Congratulations to Zeke Wiechart on this Great Golf Opportunity

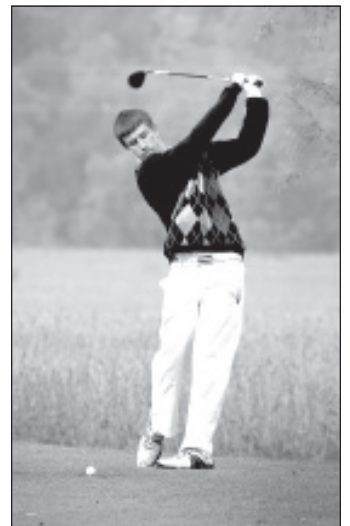
The Blanchard Valley Health Foundation has awarded its first Julie Cole Fund skills-building scholarship to Van Buren junior Ezekial (Zeke) Wiechart. Wiechart is the son of Mark Wiechart and is a junior at Van Buren High School. He is a three-year letter winner and past winner of the Findlay District Preview golf tournament. Wiechart has twice been named a first team BVC selection and has received honorable mention in Northwest Ohio Division III Golf. He was also a member of the 2010 State Qualifying Golf Team.



The Julie Cole Golf Fund offers junior golfers in Hancock County the opportunity to participate in a summer camp at the Dana Rader Golf School in Charlotte, N.C. The fund covers summer camp cost, travel, lodging and meals. It will also assist with fees for participating in an American Junior Golf Foundation (AJGA) tournament or other tournament.

"My staff and I look forward to working with Zeke's golf game. He has great promise and interest in becoming a better player, and he will have a first-class experience," said Julie Cole. "He will have an opportunity to improve his playing and practicing skills, in addition to competing on a very high level against players from around the country."

The fund was created with a portion of the proceeds from the 2010 Julie Cole Charity Golf Classic held June 7.



### About Julie Cole

A Findlay native, Julie Cole had an outstanding athletic career in high school, earning both basketball and golf scholarships to Ohio University. After graduating from college, she joined the amateur golf circuit, qualifying for the LPGA tour in 1985. She became a member of the LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals Division in 1991. She is currently the director of instruction and managing partner at the Dana Rader Golf School at Ballantyne Hotel and Lodge in Charlotte, N.C. She is also the honorary chair of the Blanchard Valley Health Foundation's Julie Cole Charity Golf Classic, an annual event that has raised more than \$1.8 million dollars since its inception more than 21 years ago.

**NO SCHOOL**  
**Spring Break - Thurs., Fri. & Mon., April 21 - 25, 2011**

## Music Booster News

# Music Booster Notes



### It's Concert Season at Van Buren

Concerts, concerts, concerts – Van Buren's Music Department is as busy as ever. Just before Christmas break, the community was treated to two fine Choral Concerts (Middle School and High School) and a great "Moosical" put on by the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes.

In January and February, several high school music students have preformed in various levels of honors band and choir concerts. Five of our students participated in the District III Music Festival held in Van Wert on January 16; Tori Swain performed with the 2011 All-State Honors Choir in Cincinnati on January 29; and Van Buren was represented by 32 students in the Hancock County Music Festival on February 13. Forty percent of the Honors Choir was comprised of Van Buren students! These talented students were listed in the December edition of the *Knightly News*.

On Saturday, February 26, seven VB students will perform in the OMEA District III Middle School Honors Band and Choir Concert held at Wapakoneta High School beginning at 3:00 P.M. Congratulations to band students - Ian Kern, Gabe Anderson, Alexis Youngpeter, and AJ Arriaga; and choir students - Emily Anderbery, Kaitlyn Kniss and Bryce Bowers. The same day, *The Association* will compete in their third Show Choir Event of the year in Twinsburg, Ohio.

Finally, on Monday, February 28, all five VB bands – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Jr. High Band, and High School Concert Band will take the stage for their annual winter concert. Each band will perform individually and then all the bands will gather on stage for a combined piece – which is sure to be a treat. This concert will begin at 7:00 P.M. – and as always, is free and open to the public.

In addition to the concerts, students will perform at two upcoming OMEA District III Adjudicated Events. The Solo and Ensemble at Lima Senior on February 19. For the first time in school history, four high school choirs and concert band will perform at the Large Group event the second weekend of March.

### Volunteers Thanked – and Needed

The Music Boosters would like to thank all who helped (or will help) out at the ten boys' basketball home varsity games this season. These concession events are our major source of our funding throughout the year and we are grateful for each and every volunteer!

We have two more major events yet this school year. First, we will once again be manning the concession stand at Findlay's Leisure Living Home Show held April 1 through April 3 at The Cube.

On April 30 and May 1, Van Buren is honored to host the OMEA State Large Group Adjudicated Event. This is a huge event and involved more than just concessions. Volunteers will be needed as judges' assistants, guides, hall monitors, choir hosts and set-up and teardown risers, and the judges scoring tables. The headquarters is the place where the scores are recorded and certificates are printed.

If you would like to help at either of these events – even if you don't have a student in music – please email the Music Boosters at [musicboosters@vbschools.net](mailto:musicboosters@vbschools.net) or contact Mr. Vaughn or Mr. Eakin and let them know where you would like to plug in.

Support of events like these keep our Music Department one of the strongest in Northwest Ohio.

### Procedures for AWAY GAMES or TOURNAMENTS

Anytime a limited number of tickets are available for AWAY GAMES or TOURNAMENTS, the following sequence of procedures will be in effect.

1. Basketball program personnel\*:
  - a. Limit 2 - Less than 1,000 tickets available
  - b. Limit 4 - Less than 2,000 tickets available
  - c. Limit 8 - 2,000 or more available
2. Season Pass holder: (1 per pass)
  - a. Limit one per season pass (if tickets not purchased above)
  - b. Limit one per reserved seat (if tickets not purchased above)
  - c. Limit one per student pass (if tickets not purchased above)
3. Students: (1 per student)
  - a. Limit one student ticket per student (if tickets not purchased above)
4. Employees: (2 per employee)
  - a. Limit 2 adult tickets per employee (if tickets not purchased above)
5. Community: (2 per member)
  - a. Limit 2 adult tickets per community member (if tickets not purchased above)
6. Alumni: (2 per Alumni)
  - a. Limit 2 adult tickets per alumni (if tickets not purchased above)
7. First come, first served basis

\*Program personnel includes:  
Coaches, Statisticians,  
Players (V/JV/9<sup>th</sup>), Video Recorder,  
Managers, Scorers table, Cheerleaders (V/JV), Administration,  
Announcer

# Booster News

## Van Buren Athletic Boosters Reverse Raffle

Mark your calendar now for the night of **Saturday, April 30, 2011**. This year's event will be held at:

**The Humane Society of Hancock County,  
4550 Fostoria Ave., Findlay, OH 45840**

**Doors open & dinner begins at 6:00 P.M.  
Raffle starts at 7:00 P.M.**

In the Reverse Raffle format, the longer your ticket stays in the hopper, the greater your chances are of winning the \$5,000 Grand Prize. In addition to the grand prize, over \$4,000 in other prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be present to win.

A buffet style meal will be catered by The Dark Horse. Raffle tickets are \$50 each, which includes a meal. Meal tickets will also be sold at \$20 each. In order to guarantee your meal, you must purchase your tickets before April 15, 2011.

**EARLY BIRD:** Get your tickets before February 25, 2011, and you will be entered into a drawing. Two lucky winners will win a free ticket. If you desire reserved seating, please provide ticket numbers and names of all to be included in your party. You are encouraged to make this year's raffle another great success by helping out with ticket sales, black & orange raffle, silent auction, or door prizes. If you can help, please contact any of the Athletic Booster board members.

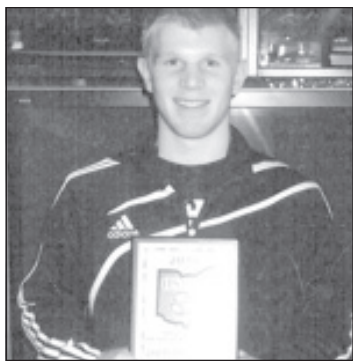
If you would like tickets, send the form and money to: Steve Gilliland, Van Buren Athletic Boosters 15781 CR 216, Arcadia, OH 44804. Or, you may contact any Athletic Booster board member, varsity coach or see us at any home boy's basketball game.

The Reverse Raffle is one of our biggest fundraisers and due to its tremendous success in the past, our organization has been able to contribute over \$25,000 annually to support our middle school and high school athletes, cheerleaders and coaches.

Thank you for your generous and continued support of Van Buren High School and Middle School Athletics. **GO KNIGHTS!!!**

Your Van Buren Athletic Boosters Officers,

Todd Roberts, Steve Gilliland, Bea Hiatt,  
Kristina Junge, Steve Endicott & Stephanie Rader



Congratulations to Andrew Shroll for being selected for Second Team All-Ohio Soccer. Andrew also participates in NHS and basketball and has earned the four year letterman award. His parents are Roger and Kelly Shroll and has a younger sister Abby. Congratulations Andrew for an outstanding soccer career!

## REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

**Saturday, April 30, 2011**

**The Humane Society of Hancock County,  
4550 Fostoria Ave., Findlay, OH 45840**

**Doors open & Dinner – 6:00 P.M.  
Raffle – 7:00 P.M.**

**Please return with your check made out to Van Buren Athletic Boosters by April 15, 2011. If you do not reply by this date, we cannot assure that a meal will be available for you the evening of the raffle.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **List name(s) as you would like it to read on the ticket**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Raffle Ticket(s) @ \$50 each (1 dinner, pop and coffee included) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Meal Ticket(s) @ \$20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting a certain ticket number? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contact a booster officer immediately to assure receiving this number)

Number planning on attending the dinner? \_\_\_\_\_

If interested in reserving a table for the evening, please provide ticket numbers and names of guests within your party by sending to the below address by April 15, 2011. Sold ticket numbers will need to be provided prior to reservations being taken for all in your party.

Group seating cannot be guaranteed unless reservations are received.

**Please return this form to Steve Gilliland, Van Buren Athletic Boosters, 15781 CR 216, Arcadia, OH 44804.**

**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 date: Friday, May 6, 2011**

## High School News

### Ten Tips for Athletes Who Want to Make the High School Team

#### 1. Get in the Best Physical Shape Possible

Size and strength are crucial when players reach the high school level, so better conditioned and stronger players will usually stand-out. Players who have not reached their growth spurt are at an initial disadvantage, but can overcome that with strength and conditioning work.

#### 2. Play Travel Sports

Athletes should play travel, when its an option, at least a year or two before entering high school. The advanced competitions, which travel offers, give them an edge. Coaches usually look favorably on travel players because it shows coaches that players are serious about the sport and have added experience.

#### 3. Attend Pre-High School Camps, if offered

This gives players a familiarity with the coaches and the coaches with the players, as well as give you an idea of what player skills will be needed at eventual tryouts.

#### 4. Study

Athletes may think that grades are not important, but nothing is further from the truth. Coaches prefer players that maintain good grades because coaches believe that those who work hard off the field will work hard on it. Additionally, when two players have equal ability, the player with better grades may get the nod.

#### 5. Be Coachable

Nothing turns a coach off more than players who give the attitude that they know everything, or players who do not seem to be interested in what the coach suggests.

#### 6. Learn the Strategy of the Sport

Advanced game knowledge can make a difference. Coaches prefer players who know the finer details of sport because of the often large size of teams and their limited time to coach.

#### 7. Be on Time, Make Eye Contact with Coaches, and Display Good Posture

Players who come late to tryouts and/or do not take tryouts seriously, can be in for a rude awakening. Additionally, little things like making eye contact, nodding the head in agreement, and displaying good posture can make the difference between making the team or not.

#### 8. Be a Team Player

Coaches like players who are sociable with other players and who want to be part of the group. They are leery of kids who appear to be loners or players who only seem interested in themselves.

#### 9. Be Helpful

Players who pick up gear and perform other tasks that help, will enhance their chances of making the team.

#### 10. Hustle and Work Hard

Players should not give coaches an excuse for cutting them. Fooling around at tryouts or goofing off in the classroom gives coaches a reason for cutting them. Of course, these tips can also make the difference for which players get to play, especially in non-cut high school sports. Finally, high school coaches often coach more than one sport and talk with other coaches, so it is important that athletes work hard and have a coachable attitude in every sport they play and, especially, during gym class. The impression athletes make playing other sports and during gym class can be the edge they need at tryout decision time.

### Eighth Grade Boys Win Championship



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team culminated an outstanding season with a 34-32 win over McComb in the championship game of the Cory-Rawson Invitational. The win avenges a previous loss during the season to the Panthers. The tournament championship was the first in a number of years for a VBMS team. The Black Knights finished the season with a 14-2 record. The successful season was a result of unselfish teamwork and hard work throughout the year. At least 7 players scored in 11 of the 16 games. Team members include: Ross Adolph, Matt Bach, Drew Conner, Collin Coulter, Adam Endicott, Draeton Fasone, Lucas Huber, Jameson Jacobs, Alex Leeper, Cole Martin, Nathan Maynard, Riley Miller, and Nic Torres. Ball boys were Riley Adolph and Braxton Fasone. The team was coached by Brian Bays and assisted by Mike Tabler.

### Sixth Annual Van Buren Black Knight Dodgeball Tournament

Tournament Date: Friday, March 18, 2011

The sixth annual Van Buren Dodgeball Tournament will involve students in grades 6-12 at Van Buren Local Schools. All proceeds are used to help fund the Jennifer Masters Scholarship.

Forms can be downloaded from [www.vbschools.net](http://www.vbschools.net)

Teams will consist of 5 team members and play by the National Amateur Dodgeball Association. These rules will be explained in great detail beginning at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, March 18, 2011, in the high school cafeteria. The cost of participation is \$10 per individual or \$50 per team (**No outside students will be permitted to play**).

The deadline to sign up is: Thursday, March 10, 2011.

The tournament will be a double elimination with teams broken up into the following divisions:

- Boys Only Grades 9-12
- Girls Only Grades 9-12
- Middle School Co-Ed (must consists of a ratio of at least two boys and at least two girls)

Any questions can be directed to Mr. Heitkamp at: [ehaitkamp@vbschools.net](mailto:ehaitkamp@vbschools.net)

## Sport News

### Fall 2010 Boys Soccer Honors

**NCOSA League Player of the Year** ..... Andrew Shroll  
**NCOSA League Coach of the Year** ..... Tom Swaisgood  
**All-Academic Award (3.5 & above)** ..... Matt Lee  
**All-Academic Team Award – 9<sup>th</sup> Time**  
**NCOSA League Title - 3<sup>rd</sup> Time**  
**District Finalist – 5<sup>th</sup> Time**  
**All-Time Team Record of 144-87-17**

**NCOSA All League**

**First Team**

Andrew Schroll - MVP  
 Drew Ashcraft, Josh Roberts

**Second Team**

Riley Damon

**Honorable Mention**

Zach Rader, Daniel Roberts,  
 Logan Roberts

**All District Division**

**First Team**

Andrew Shroll

**Honorable Mention**

Drew Ashcraft,  
 Riley Damon, Josh Roberts

**All-State Division**

**Second Team**

Andrew Schroll

**School Records**

Andrew Shroll - 5 Assists in a Single Game  
 Josh Roberts - Most Intercepts/Game - 17  
 Josh Roberts - Most Intercepts/Season - 100

**Team Awards**

Drew Ashcraft - Mr. Offense  
 Matt Lee - 110% Award  
 Andrew Schroll - MVP & Matt Copus Award

Kodie Edler - Most Improved  
 Josh Roberts - Mr. Defense

**Years Lettered**

**Four-Year**

Logan Roberts, Andrew Shroll

**Three-Year**

Matt Lee, Zach Rader, Josh Roberts

**Two-Year**

Drew Ashcraft, Riley Damon

**One-Year**

Kodie Edler, Daniel Roberts

### Van Buren Youth Baseball and Softball Registration

Van Buren Youth Baseball and Softball Registration is underway for the 2011 season. A registration open house was held on Saturday, February 19 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon at the Allen Township Building located at the SportsPlex. Parents were encouraged to attend this meeting to learn more about baseball/softball and how they can volunteer to help the program. Registration forms will be passed out during school hours to the elementary classes. Extra forms will be available in both the elementary and middle school offices and will also be available at registration. Registrations are due by February 19.

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual VB Baseball Camp will be hosted in March at the High School. The camp will be held on March 19 (9:00 A.M -12:00 P.M.) & March 20 (2:00 - 5:00 P.M.). Separate registration forms will be sent home through the school.

Anyone with questions concerning Baseball should contact Donnie Foltz @ (419) 257-1123 ([vyouthbaseball@yahoo.com](mailto:vyouthbaseball@yahoo.com)). Anyone with questions concerning Softball should contact Mike Tabler @ (419)306-1800 ([mtabler@wcoil.com](mailto:mtabler@wcoil.com)).

## Elementary News

### VB Middle School OWL Wrestling Championship Team

On Saturday, January 29 the VB Middle School wrestling team became champions of the Ohio Wrestling League tournament hosted at McComb High School. It is the first time in Van Buren wrestling history that the middle school team has won the tournament. Champions in their weight classes were Joey Campbell, Santos Miranda, Justin Phillips, Tyler Sarreshteh, Isaac Sexton, and Chance Sonnenberg. Finishing second for the Black Knights were Max Frost and Payten Whitticar. Dylan Ludwig was unable to wrestle due to an injury. Congratulations Black Knight coaches and wrestlers!



Front Row: Audrie Ward, Rachel George, Desiree Cunningham, Tabi Gerken, Mackenzie Howard. Second Row: Coach Adamanis, Joey Campbell, Santos Miranda, Justin Phillips, Tyler Sarreshteh, Dylan Ludwig. Third Row: Chance Sonnenberg, Payten Whitticar, Isaac Sexton, Max Frost, Coach Whitticar.

### March is Community Read! Month


Many activities are being planned for CommunityREAD in March including a special event featuring *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* author, Jamie Ford, on Friday evening, March 25, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. at Central Auditorium. Tickets for the event are \$5 and will be available at the Arts Partnership Box Office at 618 South Main Street or the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation office at 101 W. Sandusky Street, at local bookstores, and at the door. A book signing for attendees will follow the event.



Members of the Hancock County community and surrounding communities are invited to participate in all CommunityREAD events during March. Details of book discussion groups and other events will be included in an insert in *The Courier* in late February 2011 and online at [www.community-foundation.com](http://www.community-foundation.com).

The focus of this year's CommunityREAD event is to encourage discussions regarding family relationships, friendship, ethnicity, race, discrimination, social obligation, regret, and the power of forgiveness and the human heart. This book was even used by Mr. Jay Clark in one of his parent coffee discussion groups.

## February - April Menu/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>** Menu subject to change **</p> <p><b>27 FEBRUARY</b></p>	<p>•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Fifth, Sixth, Middle &amp; High School Band Concert, 7:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>28</b></p>	<p>•French Toast Stix, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patties, Oranges, Milk  <b>•Chicken &amp; Noodles, Mashed Potatoes Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p><b>1 MARCH</b></p>	<p>•Beef &amp; Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boys Basketball Sectionals Semi-Finals @ Fostoria HS, TBA                      Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p><b>2</b></p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  <b>•French Toast Stix, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patties, Oranges, Milk</b></p> <p>Girls Basketball District Semi-Finals @ Liberty Benton HS, 6:15 P.M.                      Var Wrestling @ State Tournament, Columbus</p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p>•Macaroni &amp; Cheese, Peas, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Corn, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boys Basketball Sectionals Finals @ Fostoria HS, TBA                      Var Wrestling @ State Tournament, Columbus</p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p>Girls Basketball District Finals @ Liberty Benton HS, 7:00 P.M.                      Var Wrestling @ State Tournament, Columbus</p> <p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>Lunch Prices:</b>                      K-5 \$1.85                      6-12 \$2.10                      Ala Carte \$2.35                      Adult \$2.60                      Milk \$0.45                      Sandwich \$1.50                      French Fries \$1.35                      Ice Cream \$0.70</p> <p><b>6</b></p>	<p>•Corn Dogs, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Beef &amp; Noodles, Mashed Potatoes Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>BVC Winter Senior Banquet @ Northridge Club, 6:30 PM.                      Athletic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Community Room</p> <p><b>7</b></p>	<p>•Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Corn, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boys Basketball District Semi-Finals @ Liberty HS, TBA</p> <p><b>8</b></p>	<p>•Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Chicken Breast Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p><b>9</b></p>	<p>•Beef Burritos, Corn, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Taco Salad, Corn Chips, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Girls Basketball Regional Semi-Finals @ Elida HS, 6:15 P.M.  <b>Board of Education meeting, 7:30 P.M., Community Room</b></p> <p><b>10</b></p>	<p>•Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boys Basketball District Finals @ Liberty Benton HS, 7:00 P.M.                      District III OMEA Large Group Contest @ Shawnee HS</p> <p><b>11</b></p>	<p>Girls Basketball Regional Finals @ Elida HS, 7:30 P.M.                      District III OMEA Large Group Contest @ Shawnee HS</p> <p><b>12</b></p>
<p>Daylight Savings Time Begins, Spring Ahead</p> <p><b>13</b></p>	<p>•Ham, Egg, &amp; Chesse Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Hot Dog or Coney Dog, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Music Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Fine Arts Wing</p> <p><b>14</b></p>	<p>•Chicken &amp; Noodles over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Sweet &amp; Sour Chicken over Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boys Basketball Regional Semi-Finals @ BGSU, 8:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>15</b></p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p><b>16</b></p>	<p>•Chicken Breast Sandwich, Corn, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Girls Basketball State Semi-Finals @ Columbus, 8:00 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><b>17 St. Patrick's Day</b></p>	<p>•Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Tuna &amp; Noodles, Peas, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p><b>End of Third Nine Weeks</b></p> <p>Boys Basketball Regional Finals Tournament @ BGSU, 7:30 P.M.                      6th Annual Dodgeball Tourney, HS Gym, 7:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>18</b></p>	<p>Girls Basketball State Finals @ Columbus, 2:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>19</b></p>
<p>Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5)                      Italicized Print - <b>MS &amp; HS Menu (6-12)</b></p> <p><b>20</b></p>	<p>•Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Mini Corn Dogs, Fries, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Softball Scrimmage w/Columbus Grove, 5:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>21</b></p>	<p>•Pepperoni &amp; Cheese Breadsticks, Corn, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p><b>22</b></p>	<p>•Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad w/ Ranch Dressing, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Chili w/Cheese, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p><b>23</b></p>	<p>•Popcorn Chicken, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Chicken Pot Pie, Buttered Broccoli, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boys Basketball State Semi-Finals @ Columbus, 8:30 P.M.</p> <p><b>24</b></p>	<p>•Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Softball Olive Garden Dinner, Elem Cafeteria, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.  <b>Schoolhouse Rock Live!</b> musical performance, 7:00 P.M., Auditorium</p> <p><b>25</b></p>	<p>Boys Basketball State Finals @ Columbus, 1:30 P.M.  <b>Schoolhouse Rock Live!</b> musical performance, 7:00 P.M., Auditorium</p> <p><b>26</b></p>
<p><i>Schoolhouse Rock Live!</i> musical performance, 3:00 P.M., Auditorium                      BVC-MAL All Star Basketball Games @ New Riegel, 5:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>27</b></p>	<p>•Tacos, Corn, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Var Track @ Liberty Benton, 4:15 P.M.                      Academic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Home Resource Management Classroom 121</p> <p><b>28</b></p>	<p>•Beef Ravioli, Green Beans, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Beef Ravioli, Green Beans, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p><b>29</b></p>	<p>•Chili w/Cheese, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p><b>30</b></p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Fiestas, Corn, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p>Var Baseball @ Miller City                      Var Softball @ Miller City                      Var Track @ Hardin Northern, 4:30 P.M.</p> <p><b>31</b></p>	<p>•Fish Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk  <b>•Macaroni &amp; Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</b></p> <p><b>1 APRIL</b></p>	<p>Var Track @ Carey Relays, 10:00 AM                      Softball w/Columbus Grove, 11:00 A.M. (DH)                      Var Baseball @ Toledo Bowsher HS w/Springfield, 12:30 P.M. &amp; 3:00 P.M.                      JV Baseball @ Springfield w/ Toledo Bowsher, 12:30 P.M. &amp; 3:00 P.M.                      District III Middle School Solo and Ensemble Contest @ LBHS</p> <p><b>2</b></p>
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