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Feature Story

Reality Store: Presented by the WVU Wayne Co. Extension Office.

The Reality Store is an Extension-supported financial literacy program designed to give middle school students a hands-on look at real-world money decisions. Through this interactive simulation, students step into adulthood for the day and experience what it means to manage a household budget.

Each student is assigned a career—such as a farmer, plumber, accountant, or lawyer—along with a family scenario, ranging from single to married with children.

Using one month's worth of income (before taxes), students navigate 18 different stations that mirror real-life expenses and responsibilities.

The experience begins at the “Uncle Sam” station, where students learn firsthand how taxes impact their income. From there, they move through stations like housing, transportation, utilities, food, insurance, and entertainment, making financial choices that must align with their budget.

Along the way, students quickly discover

that every decision matters—and that wants and needs don't always agree.

The Reality Store program is offered in every middle school across Wayne County, giving students valuable exposure to financial decision-making before they enter high school and beyond.

On February 20, the Reality Store will come to Ceredo-Kenova Middle School, where both 7th and 8th grade students will participate in this powerful learning experience.

It's real life, real choices, and real learning—without the actual bills. 😊



Why This Program Matters

“By experiencing budgeting, taxes, and everyday expenses firsthand, students begin to understand how choices impact their future and why financial responsibility is such an important life skill.”

~ Lisa Bell (Assistant Professor)

Quick Updates



Friday February 13th

NO SCHOOL (cannot be taken away regardless of weather)



Monday February 16th is NOW a SCHOOL DAY no longer an OSE Day

| Sports

Wayne County Girls Basketball Tournament 2026

Week at a Glance

Tournament week is here, and Wayne County girls' basketball will be taking center stage as teams battle for seeding, advancement, and ultimately, the county championship. Here's how the week will unfold:

Monday – Seeding on the Line

Buffalo vs. Wayne

This matchup will finalize tournament seeding, setting the stage for the rest of the week.

Tuesday – Opening Round

#4 Seed vs. #5 Seed

5:30 PM

The winner will advance to the semifinal round on Thursday.

Thursday – Semifinals (Games begin at 5:30 PM)

Winner of Tuesday's game vs. #1 Seed

Time to be announced

#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Time to be announced

Thursday night will determine who moves on to play for the championship and who will compete in the consolation game.

Saturday – Final Games

11:30 AM – Consolation Game

(Featuring the teams that fall in Thursday's semifinals)

Championship Game

(Immediately following the consolation game)

We wish the best of luck to all teams as they compete this week. It's always exciting to see the hard work, determination, and sportsmanship

on display during tournament time.

We encourage our community to come out and support our student-athletes as they take the court!

Good luck to all teams!



Wayne Co. Robotics Qualifier Cancelled

Due to inclement weather, the Wayne County Robotics Qualifier scheduled for this past weekend was cancelled and will not be rescheduled. While that was disappointing news, never fear—Coach Corey was already one step ahead. Thanks to his planning and foresight, our teams are now scheduled to compete in two additional qualifiers this month: the Princeton Qualifier on February 21st and another qualifier at St. Joe on February 22nd. Because of that preparation, the Silly Einsteins, Static Stars, and Ultra Hibachi are still in a strong position to earn a spot in the WV State VEX IQ Championship in late March.

| Think About It

Don't just get it done, get it done RIGHT!

This grading period has felt different. Between snow days, delays, and lost instructional time, everything feels compressed. When time gets tight, the natural instinct is to rush—finish it, turn it in, move on. But here's the truth: when time is limited, quality matters more than ever. Getting something done quickly is not the same as getting it done well.

Rushing leads to missed steps, careless mistakes, and work that doesn't reflect what you're actually capable of. Whether it's an assignment, a project, or studying for a test, cutting corners now only creates bigger problems later. Slow down enough to check your work. Ask yourself if it truly shows your understanding. Use your teachers, your classmates, and your time wisely—because every moment counts this grading period.

Remember this: Don't just "get it done." Get it done RIGHT. Quality is a habit. Habits are built when things are challenging, not when conditions are perfect. Finish this grading period with pride in your effort, confidence in your work, and the mindset that Wonders bring their best—even when the clock is working against them. 💚⚡

