

# The Rocket Review

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## Band Boosters Host Quarter Auction

By Kaylee Grim

The Conotton Valley Music Boosters hosted a Quarter Auction on Sunday, November 10th. The money made from the quarter auction benefits the Conotton Valley music program. Between the paddles, 50/50, Chinese auction, kids table, vendor deposits, and concessions the music department made a total of \$6,477 dollars. Members of the band and band parents also participated and worked the quarter auction. A interesting fact from the quarter auction was there were 8,902 quarters collected. Band Director Robyn King says "The quarter auction was a huge success! We really appreciate all who



donated baskets and items, and those who came to bid on the items. We look forward to the next quarter auction in 2026!"

We hope you enjoyed the Quarter Auction!



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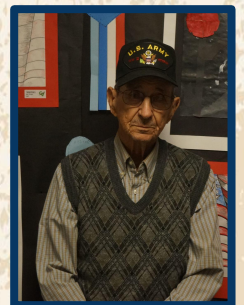
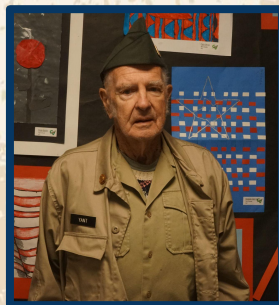
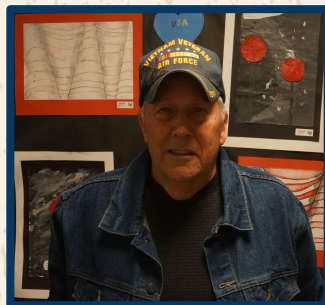
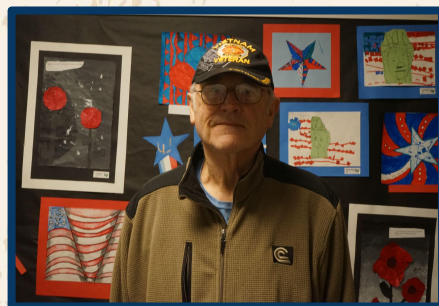
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## Students Strive for a Rocket Card

By McKenna Cassidy

The dedication and hard work of students of Conotton Valley are paying off! Any student who is on the merit roll, honor roll, or principal's or has missed two and less days of school for the nine weeks is eligible to be presented with a Rocket Card. This card gets them into any home sporting event for free, unless it is an OHSAA tournament game. The card is eligible for one nine weeks. Each nine weeks the rocket cards are issued to students who have met the requirements the previous quarter. Students with the Rocket Card have also gotten special treats, such as popsicles at one of Conotton Valleys pep rallies and a bag of chips at one of the school's volleyball games. Be on the lookout for new ideas for this nine weeks, and don't forget to work hard to earn that special Rocket Card!

# Thank-You Veterans!



## Staff Spotlight: Mr. Ware By McKenna Cassidy

Conotton Valley welcomes our new read instructional coach, Mr. Kurt Ware. He graduated from Bellaire Local Schools and attend West Virginia University. When he was in school, his favorite subject was science. Before becoming a staff member at Conotton Valley, he worked at Bellaire Local Schools. Conotton Valley has partnered with East Central Ohio ESC Central to provide coaching to the district. Ware expresses his favorite part of working here at Conotton Valley so far, stating, "Everyone's been great and easy to work with." He spends his free time with friends and family. His favorite food is wings and his favorite restaurant is Outback. Ware's favorite book is *Uncovering the Logic of English* by Denise Eide. Be sure to help make Mr. Ware feel very welcome for his first year at Conotton Valley!



## Ornament Sale to Benefit Share-A-Christmas

By Ella Pastore

It's that time of the year! The Conotton Valley ornament sale is back for Christmas. This year's ornaments are made by Mr. Blick's 7th grade Rocket Time students. The money they made will be used for Conotton Valley Share a Christmas. Last year they sold 46 ornaments and raised \$550. Share a Christmas helped 13 families last year, which included 33 children. The ornaments are \$15 and are all painted this year. If you are interested in purchasing an ornament, you can contact the front office at 740-269-2711.

### Conotton Valley 5th Annual Ornament Sale



All proceeds  
benefit  
Share a  
Christmas!

Continue the tradition!  
The ornaments are crafted and  
painted at Conotton Valley through  
Project Lead the Way.  
Order yours today by calling the  
office at  
740-269-2711

Continue the  
tradition and  
support our  
Rocket  
Families!

## Clayton's Rocket Time Wins Door Contest

By Liz Ferrell

The door decorating competition was recently held at Conotton Valley. The door decorating had a fall theme and was to promote student differences and how each student has something to contribute. The best thing though is the teachers did not help, it was the student's plan and team work. The Rocket Time class of Mrs. Clayton won the battle, showing how each student is working towards their goals. All the students did a great job and all the doors looked amazing. The students helped us get in the fall spirit and the hard work was appreciated.



**"They really nailed the theme of all of us having something important to contribute. Our different strengths make us a great team!"**  
-Mrs. Caldwell



## Sophomore Boys Take The Win!

By: Charli Whittaker

The CV Wish Squad has once again raised money for Rocket families. The Wish Squad hosted a Boys Volleyball Tournament Friday, November 22 to raise money for Share a Christmas. They raised money by charging \$1 for spectators, and \$5 for coaches and players. Boys in grades 6-12 were able to play, and girls 6-12 were able to coach. In total, the CV Wish Squad made a total of \$406 from the Boys Volleyball Tournament this year. The winning team this year was the Sophomore class.



## King Honored on Jan. 20

By Liz Ferrell

Martin Luther King Jr is a person to remember. King was a preacher and a big part of the civil rights movement. He fought for African-American men and women because he wanted to achieve legal equality for African-Americans in The United States. King wanted there to be peace for African-Americans while being with whites. That's why he organized a march for freedom and supported job statements for African Americans, so they can work and have the freedom that they wished for.

King also fought for the rights of black men and women going into the same buildings white people were going in. The Senate wanted to be able to remember King every year so they made a holiday to commemorate the king on his birthday. They also made a day about him so we can all remember what he did for us.



**Remembering  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968**

## Inauguration Day

By Bella Andrews

On January 20th, 2025, president elect Donald J. Trump will be sworn into office for his second non consecutive term. He was previously the 45th President of the U.S. and will be sworn in on the 20th as the 47th. The only other president to do that was Grover Cleveland - his first term was 1885-1889 and then from 1893-1897.

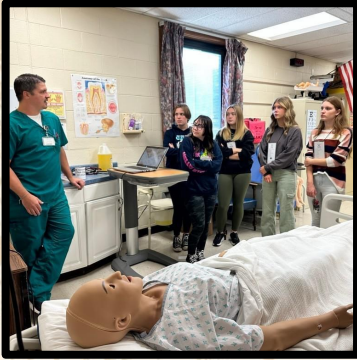
The first ever Inauguration Day was originally on April 30th, 1789 for George Washington. From 1793 until 1933, all of the Inauguration days were on March 4th. Congress then passed the 20th Amendment on January 23rd, 1933, which moved the date of Inauguration Day to January 20th, 1933. Inauguration Day has been on the 20th for 88 years as of this coming date. It will start at 12 pm (EST) and will be held on the West Front of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. You can watch the ceremony on all of the major networks - Fox News, CNN, NBC, and many others.



Former President Donald Trump  
being sworn in as the 45th  
President of the U.S in 2017.  
Pictured with him is his wife,  
Melania Trump.

## CV Sophomores Visit Buckeye Career Center

The Conotton Valley sophomores got an inside look at various labs when they visited Buckeye Career Center. Students spent the day observing and learning more about career opportunities with a first-hand look at what BCC students do in labs such as floral design, masonry, graphic arts, sports medicine and more. Applications are currently being accepted by BCC for students interested in attending next school year.



## Spirit Bus Packed for Football Game By Isabella Andrews

On Friday, November 15th, the Conotton Valley Student Council and Lighthouse Team organized a "Spirit Bus" - an opportunity for students to go to the OHSAA Sweet 16 game featuring the Conotton Valley Rockets vs Eastern Eagles. Since the game was so far away, many would not be able to attend. The cost was 15 dollars; that included the bus fee, pizza and a beverage. Students also received a glow necklace, pom poms, or clackers to show support for the boys during the game. The game was played at a neutral location at Heath High School, which was about an hour and a half away for both schools.

The opportunity attracted a little over 70 students, so two buses were needed - one for the middle school, and one for the high school. When asking about the spirit bus, Mrs. Kish stated that it was a great success and she was very proud of the students. It may open up the option to other things like the spirit bus in the future, such as away girls and boys basketball games. She also wanted to thank the community for donating funds to make the spirit bus possible. Thank you to the Student Council and Lighthouse Team for organizing this fun opportunity for the Conotton Valley students!



## Drama Club Going Greek

By Taylor Campbell

The Drama Club intends to put on a comedy play about Greek mythology called *The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza*. Drama Club Director Tanya Eller says the goal is “To put on a funny production about Greek mythology.” Eller also notes that the Drama Club has seen exceptional growth in numbers and she has seen good talent. When is it? The play will be on Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th.



## Students Soar in Scholar Challenge

By Aurora Miller

Conotton Valley Students attended the Scholar Challenge on Saturday November 23rd at Indian Valley High School. The students who went were Bella Andrews, Taylor Campbell, Michael Lorello, Magnus Andrews, Hunter McLaughlin, and Lillian Booth. Conotton Valley won two out of the four matches played. The Scholar Challenge is a chance for students to compete in categories such as American Literature, Mathematics, Physical Science, World History and more with other schools. This program has been going on for almost ten years. Eight schools are participating this year. Conotton Valley Guidance Counselor Kelli Edwards says “I think they amaze themselves when they answer a difficult question correctly.” The students will compete two more times. Let's wish the students the best of luck as they continue to compete.



## Celebrating Christmas With A Concert

By Brianna Straight- Beitzel

Conotton Valley choir and band celebrated Christmas with a concert on December 4th. Grades 6-12 performed your favorite songs! Students in middle school band, high school band, high school choir and middle school choir performed in the winter concert. Sixth grade band played “Jolly Old St, Nicholas” and “The Santa Express”. Middle school band played “Christmas Tree Samba”, “Bring Your Drums Jeanette Isabella”, and “Carol of the Kings”.

The High school band played “Silent Night”, “How The Grinch Stole Christmas”, and “A Crazy Mixed Up Christmas”. Middle school choir sang “All That Holiday Stuff” and “Cold Snap”. High School Choir sang “Amid the Falling Snow” and “Tidings of Comfort and Joy”. The middle school and high school choirs combined sang “Al Shlosha”. Ms.King says “There was more sound than I thought there was going to be, we all did very well.”



# Rocket Sports

## Football Teams Ends Season in Sweet 16

By Brooklyn Kelley

The Conotton Valley High School Football team finished the year 9-4. This past season they broke several school records. 1st playoff victory in school history, Most Total Yards in a Season, Career Most Passing Yards, Most TD passes in a game and single season most yards thrown in a game. The ending of the season was bittersweet. They accomplished things this season that no other team in school history has done by making the sweet 16 but they felt like they were not done. These boys should feel extremely proud of themselves, the things they have accomplished and the standard they have set for the program. There were several leaders throughout the team. The Leaders of the team developed a culture within their program that held fellow players accountable for their expectations. Derek O'Hara is very proud of the team and for the things they have done this season.



## Comp Season Begins for Cheer

By Ella Pastore

It's Cheer Competition season! Returning members include Seniors Coral McPeek and Hayden Wilson and Sophomores Charli Whitaker and Bella Andrews. This year we have a new member, Junior Maddy Burky. The Competition team is focusing on having fun and getting closer as a team. Cheer Coach Tayla Burg says "I am excited to watch the girls grow from the first competition January to the last in February!" Come show love to your Cotton Valley Cheer Team when they compete January 4th at Harrison Central, the IVC tournament at Indian Valley High School on January 18th, and the OVAC tournament on February 1st.

## Conotton Valley Wrestling Returns to the Mats

By Sarah Warner

The Conotton Valley wrestling teams are ready to take the mats! For the boys team the returning members are seniors Rylan Bagby, Hunter McLaughlin and 8th grader Brixton Citro. New members include seniors Evan Worrell and Justin Miller, juniors Joe Krawulski and Joe Warner and freshman Sam Smith. For the girls team the returning members include Junior Addison Citro and Sophomore Jaylyn Kimmel. Coach Crilly's goal for this season is to "Have each kid play in tournaments, send a few kids to districts and for everyone to get better." Their first tournament was on December 7th at Malvern for the Malvern Hornet Holiday Tournament. Come out and support the Conotton Valley wrestling teams at their upcoming tournaments.

## Novak Tournament Returns in January

By Charli Whittaker



The third annual Novak Basketball Tournament is coming up in honor of former Conotton Valley student, Braylon Novak. Basketball Coach Ady reflected on his time coaching Braylon, "He was a very charismatic and fun

person to be around. A great teammate, and competed at a high level, and was just a very special kid that touched a lot of people's hearts." The tournament will take place at the Rocket Center on January 11th. The East Canton Hornets will compete against the Frontier Cougars at 12 pm.

For the first time, the Conotton Valley girls basketball team will make an appearance in the tournament as they compete against the Cambridge Bobcats at 1:45 pm. The Newcomerstown Trojans will go against the Tuslaw Mustangs at 3:30 pm. The Garaway Pirates will play against the Martins Ferry Purple Riders at 5:15 pm. Finally, the Conotton Valley boys basketball team will compete against the Southern Local Indians at 7 pm. This tournament is a fundraiser that will go towards student scholarships that are chosen by the Novak family. Last year, \$3,200 was raised, and 3 students were chosen to receive scholarships. Students must fill out an application through Mrs. Edwards to be eligible to receive a scholarship. Big Z Sports will live stream the

tournament. Donations can be made out to the Conotton Valley Rocket Foundation - Braylon Novak Scholarship. Tickets will be available at the door, and will be \$10 for each game or \$20 for an all day pass to watch all of the games.



**Braylon Novak**

## Get Ready for Basketball

By Aurora Miller

Basketball season has started for the Junior High girls basketball team. The team consists of six girls this year. Eighth graders Bella Syx, Cecilia Adams, Emma Karns, Eaven Schuler, Aurora Miller and seventh grader Chloe Frost. Head Coach Eric Leggett said "We have grown so much already! Our fundamentals have gotten better. We understand how to roll to the hoop. Our ball handling is better, and our feet are much better than when we started. I'm very happy about where we are going." Leggett says "My goals for the season are to win some games, but my biggest goal is to make sure the team gets better and to put the team in good spots to get better." They have played three games and although they have lost all of them, they are getting better. Come support the Junior High girls basketball team in their next home game, Monday, December 9th.

## Bowlers are on a Roll

By Taylor Campbell

Bowling Coach Miss Robyn King, has high hopes for her bowlers this year. King says, "We're experiencing lots of potential. There are many new bowlers." King aims to end the season with a winning record and make it as far into the postseason as possible. Returning bowlers are said to be showing strong leadership while new bowlers are already showing good improvements. King has a positive outlook on this season. There have been four varsity matches already this season, and a tournament on December 7th. The JV bowlers also had a competition early in the season. The varsity bowlers have seen high averages so far this season, and the JV bowlers are continuing to grow.

# What's Your Favorite Christmas Song?



**Macie Myer (7)**  
"I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"



**Maddison Wick (7)**  
"Last christmas"



**Rayne Davidson (6)**  
"Carol of the Bells"



**Henry Smith (6)**  
"Jingle Bells"



**Mrs. Slutz**  
"Holy Night"



**Jaxson Eberhardt (10)**  
"All I want for Christmas"



**Connor Frost (9)**  
"Jingle Bell Rock"



**Carson Milburn (10)**  
"Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer"



**Ava Williams (10)**  
"Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer"



**Luke Turner (6)**  
"I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas"



**Mrs. Gonzalez**  
"El Burrito Sabanero"