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**Spring FORWARD**  
one hour!  
March 11, 2018

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM DERRINGER

As I write this article, I can't believe the school year is nearly half over. It seems like yesterday that we were just starting a new school year. I would like to reflect on a very important event that recently took place at Tri-County North.

I would like to thank each of you for the many positive comments that we, as a school and community, received after our bomb threat evacuation on December 7, 2017. Our number one priority is to keep our students and staff safe and the plan that we practiced the day before school started was carried out by each of our employees in a calm and orderly manner. I was very proud of our staff for following the plan and our students couldn't have been more well behaved. I, again, would like to thank our parents for their cooperation, as well as the Lewisburg Fire Department, the Lewisburg Police Department, the Village of Lewisburg employees and Harrison Township employees for their assistance with the evacuation. I would also like to give a special thanks to the bomb detection dogs and their handlers from the Dayton International Airport, Miami University and Butler County. Lastly a special thanks to all of our staff and employees for managing a stressful situation. During the days following the evacuation, we received much input on how and what we could have done to make things better and we have used this input to update and revise our emergency evacuation plan. I do want to mention that in these types of situations I will do my very best to keep our parents informed of what is happening. In order to do so, we need to make sure that we have current contact numbers in our "One Call" system. If you have changed phones or need to update your numbers, please contact the building secretaries and we will make the necessary corrections. You may contact the elementary at 937-962-2673 and the middle and high school at 937-962-2675. With winter weather quickly approaching, I will also use the One Call system in the event of inclement weather so it is very important that the numbers in our system are up-to-date. As of Christmas break, the weather has cooperated and we have not had to delay or close school due to poor weather conditions. Time will tell what happens after the first of the year.

I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing what 2018 will bring to us all. Be safe and enjoy the holidays with friends and family. Our students start back to school on Thursday, January 4, 2018. Hopefully everyone will be refreshed and ready to start the second semester!

### VETERANS HONORED

On November 10th, TCN honored all Veterans for their service to our country with a Veterans Day Program. The program saluted all branches of the military, including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and the Navy. The TCN High School Band and 2nd grade class participated in the program. Also participating was the Scout Troop 511 and several individual high school students. The Preble County Honor Guard performed the 21 Gun Salute. A reception to honor the Veterans was held in the high school cafeteria immediately following the ceremony. It was a spectacular event and many thanks go out to Mrs. Jacque Whitman, Mrs. Terra Moniaci, Mr. Don Kring, Mrs. Trisha Shields and many other assistant coordinators for all of their efforts in coordinating the program.

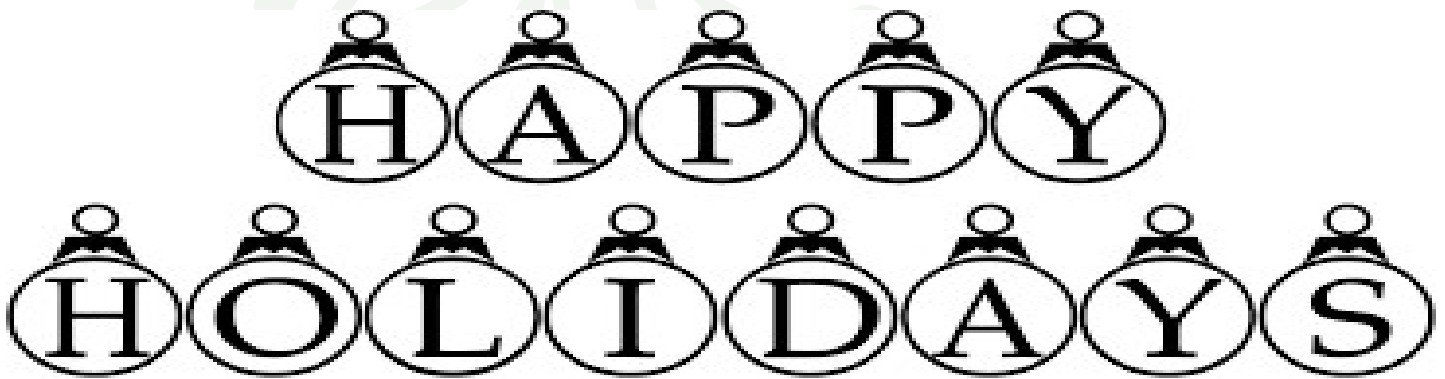


## K-5 NEWS

JOE FINKBINE

As the old adage goes, time flies when you're having fun! We are half way through the 2017-2018 school year and our students have had a great time this year. Students have been learning, growing and pursuing interests to explore. Our theme this year is "Mission Possible" and students are learning that anything is possible with hard work, determination and imagination. Some of the fun activities we have had this year have included our preparing for our book fair week where students dressed up as characters in books, as well as preparing for Christmas with our 12 school days before Christmas break. While these activities may not directly impact student learning, they do help create a sense of enjoyment for school which directly relates to the students attitude towards school and learning. So we like to have fun while learning at the same time.

When talking about fun and learning, we are once again hosting a couple of exciting events in March that go right along with our Mission Possible theme. In early March, we are having a planetarium come to TCNES where students will get inside and see the solar system and learn very interesting things about our planet. After the planetarium, we are having the Wizards of Wright and Mr. C the Science Guy both on March 13th for a Family Fun Night event for both students and parents. Please mark your calendar for this must see event for your family starting at 5:00 p.m. with a free dinner and concluding with two exciting learning sessions. We hope to see you there; more details will be sent home to parents in the near future!



## 6-12 NEWS

JOE HOELZLE

Gandhi, a well known social activist who helped free India from British rule through non-violent acts of civil disobedience, is credited with the quote "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others". Here at Tri-County North Middle and High School, one of our goals is for our students to find themselves and discover their unique strengths and passions. The encouragement of service to others is one way our students can learn more about themselves, while also helping others.

A few examples of ways Tri-County North has encouraged service include:

- Revising our exam exemption policy allowing students to exempt one semester exam with verification of five (5) hours of service, along with other requirements such as grades, behavior, and attendance
- High School Student Council organized a canned food drive for the local food pantry
- Middle School VIP (Very Important Panthers) sorted canned goods at Trinity Lutheran Church on December 12th

- Middle School students visited and went caroling at Brookhaven and Greenbriar nursing homes on December 13th

I hope that not only our students benefit from these service opportunities by learning more about themselves, but also that the community-at-large benefits through seeing the outstanding generosity of our students at TCN.



Just a reminder! If you change your number or do away with a home phone, PLEASE let us know! Call your building secretary and she can update our records. It is important to have a current contact number for you in our student database and in One Call! Thank you!

*Happy New Year!*



## WINTER & SPRING SPORTS *(subject to change)*

### January

- 2: JHGB vs. Miami East—5:30 pm
- 4: JHBB @ Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm  
HSGB vs. Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm
- 5: HSBB vs Covington—6:30 pm
- 6: JH Wrestling @ Triad—10:00 am  
HS Wrestling @ Valley View—10:00 am  
JHGB vs National Trail—10:00 am  
HSGB @ Union County—2:30 pm
- 8: JHGB @ Dixie—5:30 pm  
HSGB vs. Newton—5:30 pm
- 9: Freshman BB vs. Bethel—4:30 pm  
HSBB vs. Bethel—6:00 pm
- 10: JH/HS Wrestling @ Arcanum—5:30 pm  
HSGB vs. Stivers—6:30 pm
- 11: JHBB vs. Mississinawa—5:30 pm  
HSGB @ Mississinawa—6:00 pm
- 12: HSBB @ Ansonia—6:30 pm
- 13: HS Wrestling Panther Invitational @ home—10:00 am  
JHBB @ Newton—10:00 am
- 16: HS Wrestling @ National Trail—5:00 pm  
JHGB @ TVS—5:30 pm  
HSGB @ Preble Shawnee—6:00 pm
- 18: JHBB vs. Tri-Village—5:30 pm  
JHGB @ Tri-Village—5:30 pm  
HSGB @ Tri-Village—7:00 pm
- 19: HSBB vs. Tri-Village—6:30 pm
- 20: HS Wrestling @ Triad—10:00 am  
JHGB vs. Arcanum—10:00 am  
Freshman BB vs. Preble Shawnee—4:30 pm  
HSBB vs. Preble Shawnee—6:00 pm
- 22: JHBB vs. Dixie—5:30 pm
- 23: JHGB @ Bradford—6:00 pm  
HSGB vs. Mississinawa—6:30 pm
- 24: JH Wrestling @ Arcanum—5:30 pm
- 25: JHBB @ Ansonia—5:30 pm  
HSGB vs. Ansonia—6:30 pm
- 26: HS Wrestling @ Lima Central Catholic—5:30 pm  
Freshman BB @ Newton—5:00 pm  
HSBB @ Newton—6:30 pm
- 27: JHBB vs. Bradford—10:00 am
- 29: JHGB vs. Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm  
HSGB @ Milton Union—6:00 pm
- 30: HSBB vs Milton Union—6:00 pm
- 31: HS Wrestling @ TVS—6:00 pm

### February

- 1: JHBB vs. Bethel—5:30 pm  
HSGB @ Bethel—6:30 pm
- 2: HSBB vs. Mississinawa—6:30 pm
- 3: Freshman BB vs. National Trail—1:00 pm  
HSGB vs. National Trail—4:00 pm  
HSBB vs. National Trail—7:00 pm
- 5: JHBB vs. Covington—5:30 pm
- 6: HSBB @ Franklin Monroe—6:00 pm
- 8: HSGB @ Covington—6:30 pm
- 9: HSBB vs. Bradford—6:30 pm
- 10: JH & HS Wrestling @ Covington—10:00 am

HSBB @ Dixie—6:00 pm

- 16: HSBB @ Arcanum—6:30 pm

### March

- 21: JH Track @ Eaton—10:00 am
- 24: Varsity SB vs. Dixie—11:00 am & 1:00 pm  
Varsity BB vs. Dixie—12:00 pm & 2:00 pm
- 27: Varsity BB & SB vs. Arcanum—5:00 pm  
Varsity Track @ Brookville—4:30 pm
- 29: Varsity BB & SB @ Bradford—5:00 pm
- 31: Varsity BB & SB vs. Valley View—11:00 am & 1:00 pm  
Varsity Track @ Franklin Monroe—10:00 am

### April

- 2: Varsity SB @ Union County—5:00 pm
- 3: Varsity BB & SB vs. Franklin Monroe—5:00 pm  
Varsity Track @ National Trail—4:30 pm
- 5: Varsity BB & SB @ Mississinawa—5:00 pm
- 7: Varsity BB @ Franklin—1:00 pm
- 9: JH Track @ Arcanum—4:30 pm
- 10: Varsity BB & SB vs. Newton—5:00 pm  
JH Track & Varsity Track @ TVS—5:00 pm
- 12: Varsity BB & SB @ Tri-Village—5:00 pm
- 13: Varsity BB & SB vs. Ansonia—5:00 pm
- 14: Varsity SB @ Chaminade-Julienne—11:00 am & 1:00 pm  
Varsity BB @ Union County—11:00 am & 1:00 pm
- 17: Varsity BB & SB @ Bethel—5:00 pm  
JH Track @ Brookville—4:30 pm
- 19: Varsity BB & SB @ Covington—5:00 pm
- 20: Varsity BB & SB @ Preble Shawnee—5:00 pm  
Varsity Track @ Ansonia—4:30 pm
- 21: JH Track @ Franklin-Monroe—10:00 am
- 23: Varsity BB & SB vs. National Trail—5:00 pm
- 24: Varsity BB & SB vs. Miami East—5:00 pm
- 26: JH Track @ TVS—4:30 pm
- 27: Varsity Track @ Arcanum—4:30 pm
- 28: Varsity BB vs. Anna—10:00 am  
Varsity BB vs. Milton Union—2:00 pm
- 30: Varsity SB @ Madison—5:00 pm

### May

- 1: Varsity BB @ Northridge—5:00 pm  
JH Track vs. National Trail—4:30 pm
- 3: Varsity BB & SB @ TVS—5:00 pm
- 4: Varsity BB @ Madison—5:00 pm  
Varsity Track @ Madison—4:30 pm
- 5: Varsity BB @ Brookville—11:00 am  
Varsity SB @ Brookville—11:00 am & 1:00 pm
- 7: JH Track & Varsity Track @ Tri-Village—4:30 pm
- 10: Varsity Track Semi-finals @ TVS—4:30 pm
- 12: Varsity Track Finals @ TVS—10:00 am
- 21: JH Track @ TVS—4:30 pm

## CCP GOVERNMENT STUDENTS ATTEND FALL RALLY

On October 26, 2017, four Tri-County North CCP Government students were invited to attend the Preble County Government Fall Rally at Eaton High School. The rally's theme was "Standing United for America", where two keynote speakers, endorsed Ohio Supreme Court candidates Judge Mary DeGenaro and Judge Craig Baldwin, spoke to students about government and its processes. The students attending were seniors, Nick Erbaugh, Jacob Offenbacher, Jacque Owens and junior, Janie Stannard. The attendees were selected at random and were sponsored by Jeff Rezabek, State Representative for Ohio. The students also enjoyed a dinner with students from other county schools. It was a great opportunity for our students to attend the rally and a good time was had by all.



**CONGRATULATIONS!** The TCNMS would like to announce their Students of the Month for the first semester:

September (Math): Faith Miller—6th, Sarah Sullivan—7th, Micaiah Watkins & Kelli Cooke—8th

October (Science): Breanna Wagoner—6th, Rilee Terry—7th, Kylie Cooper—8th

November (Social Studies): Sawyer Flora—6th, Parker Williams & Maggie Hake—7th, Hunter Pahl—8th

December (Band): Sydney Shortes—6th, Jonathan Landis—7th, Chryseis Sheley—8th

Thank you to all Tri-County North Elementary and Middle School students who participated in hat day and pajama day on November 20th and 21st for a one dollar donation to Kids 4 Kids Toy Drive with the Register Herald Newspaper. The students raised \$305.00 for toys that were delivered at Fort St. Clair by Santa to needy children in the community. This was our highest donation yet for this annual event.



## CABBAGE PATCH COLLECTION

On Tuesday, December 12, students gathered Cabbage Patch canned goods donations, transported and sorted at the Trinity Lutheran Church for the holiday. In a combined effort, the High School Student Council, Middle School VIP and the elementary students all worked together to donate, collect and organize the annual event. The Middle School VIP donated \$500.00 cash from the Fall Fling. The elementary ran an awesome contest to provide an extraordinary amount of donations this year. Thank you to all of the students, teachers and parents for their participation to successfully supply holiday meals to over 75 needy families in the community. Also, a great big thank you to Lewisburg Container for the donated boxes used to collect and transport the canned goods!



## FALL ALL-CCC TEAMS ANNOUNCED

The Fall Cross County Conference teams have been announced and are as follows:

Football: Chandler Sproles, Mason Dreischarf, Preston Jackson, Josh Heindl, Brian Stinson and Clay Finney

Volleyball: Cassi Stinson, Riley Cruse—Conference, Megan Poling, Cassi Stinson, Riley Cruse, Gracie Douglas, Jasmine McAdams—District

Girls Soccer: Hailey Thies (CCC Player of the Year, 2nd Team All State), Morgan Helman, Megan Hemp, Taylor Green, Preston Lipinski, Brooke Maleski, Olivia Baldasare (Coach Thies—CCC Coach of the Year)

Golf: Ethan Kelley, Dylan Curtin

Congratulations to all of the fall athletes on their success in their respective sport. Thank you for representing TCN so well!

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On December 5th, the kindergarten and third grade students performed in their annual Christmas program. The kindergarten students sang several songs and played musical instruments such as drums, egg shakers, triangles and tone blocks. The third grade students performed songs and played musical instruments as well. Third grade used hand chimes, bell keys and jingle bells. Song selections included favorites such as "Jingle Bells", "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas". All of the students gave an excellent performance!

On December 13th, the fifth grade band students performed their Christmas concert. Students have worked very hard this year, learning five notes in a very short amount of time. Students performed various songs, including "Hot Cross Buns", "Merrily We Roll Along", "My Dreydl" and "Jingle Bells". Students also performed Listen To Our Section, which spotlighted small groups and highlighted the instrument families. The students performed brilliantly!





## FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

Congratulations to our First Lego League teams for their awesome performance on Saturday, December 2nd, at the Regional Competition. The 7th grade team, the Dynamic Divers, won first place in the project category for an innovative solution to saving household water waste. The 7th grade coach, Mrs. Williams, won the mentor award for her dedication to the team. The 6th grade team, the T.A.C.O.S., won first place in the core values category for their outstanding teamwork. Both teams have qualified to move on to the District Level of competition in January. Great job FLL teams!!!



Dynamic  
Divers



T.A.C.O.S.



## AROUND THE SCHOOL....

On Monday, December 11, Tri-County North Middle School Student Council sponsored a skating trip to The Skate in Richmond. Sixty-three students participated in this annual event. The management complimented our students' behavior as one of the best schools that ever attended. Students competed in limbo, speed races, statues and dodgeball on skates. We managed to make it through the entire two hours without any serious injuries, including Mrs. Finnigan and Mrs. Caudill who demonstrated their skills with the students. We look forward to the next activity!



Students in Mrs. Tobias and Mrs. Geglein's first grade class enjoyed an oral health presentation by senior MVCTC Dental Assisting student, Emma Tobias. Students learned how to care for their teeth and were given their own toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss.



TCN 5th Graders sharing the holiday spirit through caroling for the residents of local nursing homes!

## SENIOR CITIZEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

On December 15th, TCN held their annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon, open to any senior citizen in the Tri-County North school district. Approximately 61 seniors attended in this year. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the TCN cafeteria staff, followed by musical performances by our middle school and high school bands, high school choir and our 3rd Grade music students. The TCN FFA students assisted in decorating, serving and clean up and, as usual, did a phenomenal job! Door prizes were also given away to the seniors throughout the event. TCN would like to acknowledge and thank all of the area businesses who graciously donated door prizes for the luncheon: Hip-Stirs Coffeehouse, Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken, Dayton Dragons, ACE Hardware, Subway, Meijer, Marion's Piazza, Bankhouse Café, Brookville Grille, Kroger, Yankee Clover Mercantile, Gordon Food Service, Walmart, and Amy St. John. Without the generosity of these area businesses, we wouldn't be able to pass out door prizes so we extend a great big thank you to them! A special thank you goes out to the Lewisburg Area Chamber of Commerce for their large monetary donation to support this event. We couldn't host such a wonderful day for our senior citizens without them!





## UPCOMING EVENTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

### January

- 1-3: NO SCHOOL—Winter Break
- 4: Classes Resume
- 8: Report Cards Sent Home With Students
- 15: NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 27: All County Science Fair

### February

- 9: Interims Sent Home With Students
- 12: ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
- 13: All County Geography Bee
- 15: ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm  
Taste of TCN MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 16: NO SCHOOL—In Lieu of Conferences
- 19: NO SCHOOL—President's Day
- 20: NO SCHOOL—Waiver Day

### March

- 1: MS/HS Band Concert
- 9: End of Third Quarter
- 11: Daylight Savings Time begins—Spring FORWARD one hour!
- 12-23: MAP Testing Window
- 13: ES Family Literacy Night—5:00-7:30 pm
- 16: Report Cards Sent Home With Students
- 20: ACT Administered to all Juniors
- 30: NO SCHOOL—Good Friday

### April

- 2-6: NO SCHOOL—Spring Break
- 9-23: PTO Fundraiser
- 10: All County Band Concert

11-12: HS ELA Testing—parts 1 & 2

17-18: Grades 3-5 State Assessment—ELA parts 1 & 2

21: High School Prom @ Meadowbrook—7:00-10:30 pm

24-25: Grades 3-5 State Assessment—Math parts 1 & 2

HS Math Testing—parts 1 & 2

26: Rotary Honors Scholars Banquet

27: Interims Sent Home With Students

### May

1: HS Biology AIR Test

1-2: Grade 5 State Assessment—Science parts 1 & 2

3: Spring Music Program—1st Grade-6:30 pm, 4th Grade-7:15 pm

8-9: 8th Grade Science, US History & US Government Testing

9: Spring Band Concert—5th grade-7:00 pm

9-11: 4th Grade Woodland Altars Trip

13: Mother's Day

17: ES Talent Show—7:00 pm

17-18: 6th Grade Dearborn, MI Trip

18: Seniors Last Day—Locker Slam & Senior Cookout

22: ES Field Day

22-24: Second Semester Exams

23: Graduation Practice

24: Last Student Day—Report Cards Sent Home With Students

Commencement Program @ Salem Church of God—7:00 pm

25: Teacher In-Service Day

28: Memorial Day

### June

17: Father's Day



## TCN GIRLS SOCCER HAD A BANNER YEAR!

The TCN girls' soccer team had a banner year led by their eight seniors. The girls finished the season 14-2 and 6-0 in the conference to win the first conference championship in girls' soccer in school history! The girls had a bye in round 1 of the sectionals and then defeated Miami East. Unfortunately, they lost to state-ranked West Liberty Salem to end their historic season. Individual accomplishments included:

CCC Coach of the Year—Ted Thies

CCC Player of the Year and Second Team All-State—Hailey Thies

First Team All-Conference—Hailey Thies, Megan Hemp, Morgan Helman, Taylor Green

Honorable Mention—Preston Lipinski

First Team All-District—Hailey Thies

Second Team All-District—Megan Hemp

Third Team All-District—Morgan Helman, Brooke Maleski, Taylor Green, Olivia Baldasare

Congratulations to all of the girls, Coach Thies, Coach Hemmerick and Trainer, Ben Mischler, on a great season. Way to represent TCN!



## CURRICULUM CORNER

BETH MANOR

Here at TCN, we have been very busy in the curriculum, instruction, and technology departments this fall. The instructional vision for our district is to be able to serve our students with the best of both worlds and open our student's eyes to what it means to be able to critically think, collaborate, and create in a rapidly changing world. To this end, we have made some significant steps towards ensuring that our students and teachers have the tools necessary to achieve this goal. In the last district newsletter, we discussed our plans to continue to embrace technology in a blended learning environment. This fall, we have continued to plan for our eventual move to having a Chromebook laptop for each student. Chromebooks for each student have now been deployed in grades three, four, and five. We have also provided a set of Chromebooks for each English Language Arts teacher in grades 6-12. This is allowing our teachers to better integrate critical thinking and collaboration into the everyday learning, as well as allowing our students to have access to several programs that allow them to review material that they may need a little extra help in understanding. Please consider attending our future board meetings to hear more about how we plan to further develop our One to One Chromebook initiative in our district. Keep an eye out for future updates on our Facebook page and our website. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, principal, or myself at 937-962-2671 ext. 265 or via email at [beth.manor@tcnschools.org](mailto:beth.manor@tcnschools.org).

## 8TH GRADE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

The Eighth Grade students visited Washington D.C. and Gettysburg this fall. The students placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, posed spelling out O-H-I-O in front of the Washington Monument, and posed for a group photo for the cover of the yearbook.



## FFA NEWS



Like every other year, the TCN FFA members have been very busy this year! Here are a few of their many activities:

**FAIR**—Over the summer, 13 TCN-MVCTC students showed and entered projects at the 2017 Preble County Fair. Ethan Musgrave showed rabbits and received two 1st place and one 3rd place ribbon. Kyle Donohoo showed swine, where he received two 3rd place ribbons. He also entered his cornhole boards where he placed 2nd. Billy Croucher showed laying chickens, where he placed 1st in one of his classes. Marissa Wooton showed her horse, Josie, in multiple classes, winning a total of 16 ribbons, two trophies and a buckle. Chloe Blunk also showed her horse in multiple classes earning a 2nd place, three 3rd places, a 4th place and a 5th place ribbon. Kyrstin Haney entered her cornhole boards, which placed 3rd. Samantha Nuse exhibited her market lambs, earning two 2nd place ribbons. Taylor Cooper showed her two goats and got a 4th place ribbon. Delaney Shively exhibited a market lamb, earning a 6th place ribbon. She also earned a 5th place ribbon on her cornhole boards. Hayley Moore showed her two market lambs, placing in carcass class with one of her lambs. Jacob Pennington also entered his cornhole boards. The TCN-MVCTC students fared well!

**WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**—Over the summer, Taylor Cooper, Mady Prater and Cassity Music got to attend a five day session at a leadership conference in Washington, D.C., known as WLC. They met 347 FFA members from across the country. Throughout the week, they got to visit monuments and watch the Changing of the Guard. They also did a service project and packaged 60,288 meals for people in the D.C. area. The biggest thing they took from the conference was a “living to serve” plan to bring back to their community and put it into action.

**FFA CAMP**—This past summer, five students traveled to FFA Camp. The theme for the camp was Dr. Seuss. They were split up into groups where they competed against each other in basketball, kickball, volleyball and a variety of other sports. Every night they would have reflections where they would go and talk about something that impacts everyone or they would tell motivational stories.

**PORK FESTIVAL**—Thirteen FFA members volunteered and worked the Chop Shop at the Preble County Pork Festival.

**OHIO AGRI WOMEN**—Mady Prater, Taylor Cooper and Cassity Music were invited to attend a meeting for the Ohio Agri Women in September. There, they listened to guest speaker, Lindsay Sankey, and state FFA officer Emma Sterwerf. The girls had the opportunity to meet members from across Ohio and learn about some uprising issues in agriculture. Mady became an official voting member.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION**—Sixteen members attended the National FFA Convention. This was a week long trip that took place in Indianapolis. During the trip, members attended sessions and got to hear from the National FFA Officers. The students also attended the Career Expo where they could talk to agricultural companies. The attendees also took a tour of Fair Oaks Farms, seeing firsthand the modern techniques for dairy cattle and swine operations. The students finished the convention by attending a Rascal Flatts concert and exploring the Indianapolis Zoo.

**FRUIT SALES**—The TCN FFA would like to thank everyone who supported and was involved in the FFA Fruit Sale. This year's top two sellers were Taylor Cooper and Landon Owens. Members sold a record of just over \$8,000.00. Thank you for your support!

**CDE'S**—Every year, the students participate in different CDE (career development event). So far this year, they have done food science, soil judging and job interviews., with twenty students being involved in the events. The FFA students are always hard at work planning and preparing for different things!

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## AROUND THE SCHOOL....

First grade students made volcanoes as part of their study of Venus, the hottest planet.



A big shout out to our Food Service crew who continue to serve a healthy breakfast and lunch to all of the students at TCN! With the recent resignation of Lisa League, we would also like to congratulate Angie Via on becoming the new Head Cook. Please be sure to thank our food service crew for all of their hard work!



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