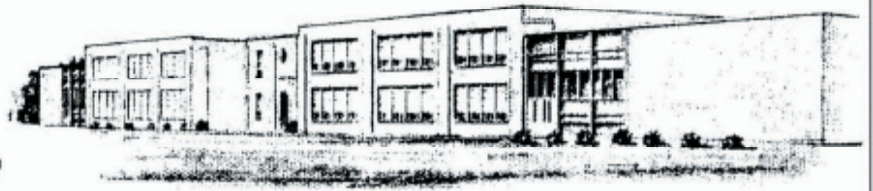


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From the Desk of Geoff Palmer, Superintendent

Building Project Update—The early site work is nearing completion. A stabilization process had to be used on some of the parking areas due to the quality of soils. This work is progressing, but additional soil quality issues were discovered in a relatively small area in the southwest corner of the site. This "quicksand" area will require more complicated stabilization procedures and will be funded through the contingency funds. As I write this, we do not have final numbers or even a determination of the actual process to be used, but the completion of this additional stabilization will allow the project to continue to move into the actual construction phase on schedule.

Work trailers for the various contractors should begin to arrive on site next week and the construction fence is scheduled to be installed very soon as well. Mosser Construction announced a November 14 tentative date for beginning work on the building footers, with the schedule being finalized in the next few days by both Mosser and Touchstone CPM. A Contractor Partnering Meeting is scheduled for November 30, and will focus on the operating practices between contractors and the architect and construction manager.

Plans continue for the November 22 Groundbreaking ceremonies. We are planning for the ceremony to start at 2:15 and last approximately 30 minutes. Please see the details on page 2 of this newsletter.

The Capital Committee met Friday, November 4 to discuss the above-mentioned soils issue in relation to our planned expenditures for other capital expenditures. Based on discussion in that meeting, the group supported the recommendation of purchasing: one 84 passenger bus, and a 9 passenger microbus; and the pursuit of a fencing project to provide a more secure enclosure of the athletic complex area.

Please visit the Superintendent Blog and Construction link at www.hlschool.org for ongoing information.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our staff and students on the Excellent rating on the District Report Card, and express my appreciation of the efforts of our teams and coaches during the fall seasons. Once again, we have very much of which to be proud!

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OF THE NEW HOPEWELL-LOUDON K-12 SCHOOL

**Tuesday, November 22, 2011
2:15 p.m.**

**Please park in the lot across the street from the present school building, north of the ceremony site.
In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Hopewell-Loudon Gymnasium.**

Notice to Parents: The public is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony. If you choose to take your student home with you, you may leave with them at the close of the ceremony. If you normally pick up your student from school and choose not to attend the ceremony, your student will be dismissed after the ceremony to their regular pickup spot at the school.

From the Desk of Veronica Reinhart, Treasurer

Revaluation and Effect on District

Every six years, the auditor in each county is required to re-evaluate assessed taxable value of all properties in the county. In calendar year 2011, Seneca County's six year re-appraisal was due. While all numbers are still in a preliminary form, it appears that agricultural valuations will increase while home values will decrease.

Home values will decrease by an estimated 6%. However, agricultural values will have a significant increase. Ag values are determined at the state level, based on soil types, crop prices, production costs, yields, capitalization rates, etc. Every soil type is assigned a different value base on these factors. In our district, the estimated increase in valuation will be about a 50% increase. Currently, residential values make up 58% of our tax base with Ag values accounting for 20%. Based on these estimated increases, our tax base will shift to about 50% value from residential properties, 27% ag properties and the rest being commercial and personal property.

Based on Ohio law, the county auditor must collect at least 20 mills from every taxpayer for the school district. There will be additional funds coming to the school district from the increased ag values netted against a decrease in revenues from the decreased home valuations. By the end of December, we should have final valuation estimates along with effective millage that taxpayers will pay in 2012.

With the calendar year ending, one last reminder about the required income tax payments for Hopewell-Loudon School district residents. Make sure you have been having this deducted from your paycheck! When you file your taxes this year, be certain to use the EARNED INCOME TAX form, not the regular income tax form, both which are on the Ohio Department of Taxation website. If you have your taxes professionally prepared, let them know that our income tax is an EARNED INCOME TAX so that you fill out the correct form.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

From the Desk of Bill Dobbins, HS/MS Principal

Congratulations to students and staff of the Hopewell-Loudon Local School District for achieving the Excellent rating on the state report card.



September 19-23 was Homecoming School spirit week for high school and junior high students. Student Council planned daily activities and themes each day to keep students excited for homecoming. Members of the court were recognized during the pre-game activities versus Mohawk. The 2011 Homecoming Court included: Alicia Frank, Logan Sendelbach, Brandon Wise, Zoe Keckler, Aaron Lucius, Jessica Dull, Eric Depinet, Brooke Butler, Tayler Bustillos, Stephanie Endicott, Princess Ariana Otte, Prince Riley Miller, Queen Emily Cramer and King Austin Kuhn. Special thanks to Mrs. Parkins and Student Council for leading spirit week and hosting a great Homecoming dance.

Students of the Month Congratulations Brendan O'Connor and Katelynn Shellhammer as they were selected Students of the Month for September. Both Brendan and Katelynn were nominated for their positive attitudes and actions towards classmates and staff. Brendan was nominated by Mrs. Young and Katelynn was nominated by Mr. Rothrock. Thank you for all you do to make our school a better place.

Seventh Grade Mentoring Program New for 2011-12 is the Seventh Grade Mentoring Program. Last year I was able to experience several programs that incorporate Character Education into the curriculum. From those experiences the Seventh Grade Mentoring Program was created. Upper class students meet regularly with seventh grade students to discuss topics which will make a positive influence on the seventh grade students. Meetings held so far have included the following topics: Meet and Greet/Get to Know Each Other; Time Management, Organization, Study Skills; and Cyber-Bullying, Cell Phones, Sexting. Topics for future discussions will include the following as well as others that may be added:

- School Spirit, Sportsmanship
- Taking Care of School Property
- Dress Code, Hygiene, Respect, Manners
- Drugs, Alcohol
- Peer Pressure, Making Good Decisions

It's very exciting to see our students interact with one another in a fun and informal way, but still receive a life lesson in the process. Our goal is to incorporate this program each year and expand it into other grade levels as well. I encourage parents to provide input into our program as we move forward.

Parent Advisory Committee The Parent Advisory committee has been a working group for the last several years at Hopewell-Loudon. Their mission is to provide a positive means of communication between parents and the school. Throughout the school year the group will discuss topics that make positive improvements in the education of our students. The next meeting will be held on Wed., Dec. 7, 2011 in the Distance Learning Lab. Any parent who would like to be a part of this committee may call the HS office at (419) 937-2216 or e-mail bdobbins@hlschool.org to get further information.

Extra-Curricular Activities The fall sports season has once again been very successful. I would like to congratulate all of our players, cheerleaders, band members and coaches for a great season. I would also like to thank our parents and booster clubs for all of their support. As the fall sports season comes to a close, the Varsity football team has ended the season with an impressive 10-0 season and an MAL League Championship. Congratulations to Coach Nutter, the entire staff and especially the players as they have had to overcome many obstacles this year and still have an outstanding season. We wish the team the best of luck as they enter state tournament play.

In Cross Country, both the boys and girls teams had great 2011 seasons. The girls' team won the League Championship at the MAL meet in Fremont. Congratulations to Coach Jones, his staff and the entire girls' team. The boys' team took second place at the League Championship meet. Congratulations to Coach Coleman and her staff on a great season and good luck in tournaments.

The H-L golf program had an exceptional year. The team finished 5th in the MAL, 2nd in district competition and 17th at regional. Also special congratulations to Coach Bob Maurer for being selected MAL Coach of the Year. Coach Maurer's timeless efforts and contributions to our golf program are greatly appreciated.

At the conclusion of the fall sports season we are looking forward to a very successful and competitive winter sports season. Good luck to all winter sports athletes, cheerleaders and band members as you begin play.

Junior High/High School Honor Roll – First Nine Weeks

4.0 GPA Honor Roll

7th Grade: Makayla Earl, Alexis Feindel, Kevin Fruth, David Irving, Grace Portentoso, Kyle Reinbolt, Andrew Scaife, Kayla Siebenaller, Andrew Swanagan

8th Grade: Dylan Alvarado, Cody Brickner, L Ray Burns, Maria Faber, Trevor Hickle, Michelle Wilfong

9th Grade: Alexander Beleny, Megan Brown, Leah Reinhart, Waleed Salem, Anson Tran

10th Grade: Benjamin Bodart, Shaina Bouillon, Morgan Brant, Ryan Depinet, Jarid Gelinas, Cassandra Shaver

11th Grade: David Beleny, Kailey Coleman, Logan Frank, Jenna Gosche, Cassandra Hohman, Marissa Reinhart, Samantha Taylor, Olivia Wolph

12th Grade: Robin Bloom, Emily Cramer, Jessica Dull, Richie Fox, Austin Kuhn, Justin Leiter, Kaylee Loy, Rebecka Mock, Alexander Ratchen, Jordan Reinhart, Paige , Reinhart-Anez, Kasey Siegel, Clinton Rumschlag, Eva Tanner, Ryan Tran, Makenzie Watkins

3.5-3.99 GPA Honor Roll

7th Grade: Brooklyn Arbogast, Katherine Arnold, Alex Bour, Charles Dell, Megan Dodge

Nicholas Elsass, Elizabeth Erlanger, Callie Gelinas, Alaina Gosche, Gabrielle Gregg, Dylan Hammond, Marisa Heldman, Hudson Hill, Drew Kurtz, Emma Kirby, Amanda Lane, Tristan Molotla, Viridian Molotla, Alyssa Naus, Nikos Portentoso, Elizabeth Roof, Grace Sadler, Baleigh Searles, Marissa Shaver, Raven Spencer, Hunter Strahm, Michelle Welly

8th Grade: Sierra Beers, Lileigh Bower, Hope Brant, Noah Breidenbach, Alexander Brock, Jayden Church, Garrett Hedrick, Brandon Lane, Emily Maksemetz, Sean Steele, Damion Vitt, Michele Weaver, Haeleah Williams, Erica Yerkes, Braxton Young

9th Grade: Meghan Benner, Adam Bour, Katrina Custer, Jordan Donaldson, Bryce Gorrell, Matthew Huth, Tyler Imes, Zane Keckler, Tayler Kline, Ryan Lommerse, Jenson Nutter, Brendon Palmer, Braden Park, Misty Peavler, Tyler Rohe, Ross Sears

Collin Shaver, Kiley Siegel, Vanessa Smith, Bernie Somers, Taylor Vitte, Hannah Williams, Alexander Wood

10th Grade: Marcus Ardner, Wesley Armon, Allison Arnold, Gabrielle Bisson, Hope Brickner, Courtney Burns, Taylor Burns, Zachary Clouse, Aleta Daniel, Nathaniel Dull, Colton Feathers, Brandon Mock, Brendan O'Connor, Alissa Powell, Nicholas Scaife, Jordan Stewart, Andrea Taulker, Cassandra Welly

11th Grade: Adam Black, Brennon Boes, Mark Bouillon, Gabrielle Brandt, Katelyn Brickner, Kevin Coppus, Emily DeWald, Noah Grine, Candace Haugh, Eva Hunter, Philip Jongebloed, Kaleigh Kessler, Robert Kniss, Brandon Molotla, Erin Reinhart-Anez, Tyler Ruble, Alayna Rowell, Arion Tiell, Lauren Trumpler, Megan Vaughn

12th Grade: Drew Ardner, Stephen Benner, A.J. Burns, Taylor Bustillos, Macy Dell, Eric Depinet, Stephanie Endicott, Alicia Frank, Avery Gatchell, Adam Grine, Austin Harrison, Zoe Keckler, Benjamin Kimble, Logan Kirby, Andrew Lommerse, Aaron Lucius, Spenser Manz, Jennifer Molotla, Cody Pahlhofer, Joseph Ranker, Cassandra Reinhart, Trevor Risner, Logan Sendelbach, Dylan Shellhouse, Miriah White, Leanne Wood

3.0-3.49 GPA Honor Roll

7th Grade: Noah Babcock, Makenzie Bouillon, Joseph Brandt, Justin Coleman, Brandon Harden, Ben Kleinfelter, Kasper Klotz, Herschel Miers, Michelle Mora, Gala Morel, Hannah Nagy, Lara Pothast, Lloyd Powell, Jose Ramirez, Nathan Reaper, Lauren Sauber, Alanah Sauseda, Lauren Shaver, Bobbi Taylor, Cienna Thomas

8th Grade: Layne Bosler, Madison Cooper, Miranda Hickle, Julian Juarez, Madison Klaiss, Joshua Lytle, Hunter Sadler, Kensy Siegel, Tiara Smith-Steinhoff, Rylee Walters, Emily Ward, Haeleah Williams, Makayla Wilson

9th Grade: Daniel Arbogast, Morgan Boes, Trenton Burns, A.J. Dorsey, Patric Gase, Grant Gosche, Samantha Gosche, Cameron Hoffbauer, Daniel Hooven, Christopher Mora, Abigail Park, Derek Runion, Lane Sauber, Shelbi Sauber, Garret Sendelbach, Bryce Steinhauer, Ryan Steinmetz, Brooklyn Wickham

10th Grade: Cody Brady, Brett Cassidy, Kelsey Coppus, Aric Creeger, Blayne Depinet, Migel Frankforther, Brooke Haugh, Levi Heldman, Nathan Heyman, Weston Hill, Adam Huffman, Dylan Napier, Cody Malone, Brittney Peters, Audrey Ranker, Bryan Scherger, Raelynn Six, Dakota Vance, Sabrina Vargas

11th Grade: Aubrey Affholder, Cody Cook, Katelin Freeman, Erin Gilbert, Alec Gregg, Brock Hill, Hailey Hill, Ashley Hooven, Racquel Hossler, Marissa Kirian, Amanda Martinez, Tyler McConaha, Joey McLaughlin, Shelby Raudebaugh, Danielle Rohrbach, Brittany Schindler, Hailey Schreiner, Olivia Velasquez-Burns, Dakota Wagner

12th Grade: Emily Arbogast, Domic Guzman, Deana Halcomb, Derek Halcomb, John Keller, Troy Lucius, Matthew Preble, Michaela Riley, James Roush, Sabrina Stamm, Eric Thorp, Nathan Wilhelm, Brandon Wise, Jordan Zartman

HS/JR High Parent Teacher Conferences

Again this year our teachers will be requesting conferences with parents during the evenings of November 14, 16 & 22 from 5:00-8:30. Daytime conferences are being scheduled on November 23 from 8:00-12:00. If any parent would like to schedule a conference please contact the high school office at 419-937-2216 and make your request.

From the Desk of Jennifer Losey, Elementary Principal



Mother Nature has once again outdone herself in reminding us that it is time for change. Her gentle hand has touched the trees to show us her artistic talents which are visible in the golden and red hues found in the landscapes all around. She has breathed life into the air which causes us to bundle up in the mornings and evenings. Last but certainly not least, she has given the farmers a reprieve with the weather so they are able to take off their bountiful crops. While Mother Nature has given us the visual reminders of change we are reminded by Father Time and the calendar that it is time for change. Our first quarter has ended and our teachers are preparing to share valuable information with families in regards to their child/children's growth during our annual parent teacher conferences. Conferences are a perfect time for parents and teachers to communicate strengths or weaknesses and determine what supports may be necessary to ensure future growth for all students. Mark your calendar now for November 14 (5:00-8:30), 16 (5:00-8:30), 22 (5:00-8:30), and 23 (8:00-12:00) as these are our conference days. Parents should call Mrs. Brickner, elementary secretary, to schedule an appointment. Our goal like always is 100% attendance---please help us in meeting our goal.

Fall is also a time to reflect and give thanks and I would be remiss if I did not do just that. I want to thank the staff for providing a quality education for our students. I want to thank our families for making the choice to send your students to H-L and for providing them with guidance and praise as they complete their work at home. I want to thank my students for being so creative, fun loving, and willing to grow academically and socially. I want to thank my family and friends for understanding my commitment to my job and giving me the support I need to carry out my responsibilities with passion and courage. Last but not least I want to give thanks for all these things combined which I believe assisted the elementary in earning the rating of Excellent with Distinction from the Ohio Department of Education.



A recent walk through the elementary revealed some "punkins"...



Elementary Honor Roll – First Nine Weeks

4th Grade All A: Macey Malagon, Ethan Oswalt, Kayla Reinbolt, Kyle Rumschlag, Casey Knutson, Jackson (Lewis) Hurst, Corrin Hoover, Shea Hartsel, Carter Coffman, Lauren Suter, Channelle Lyons, Ashley Brickner

4th Grade A & B: McKenzie Coleman, Sophia Erlanger, Madison Flechtner, Caleb Hinton, Elizabeth Jacquot, Kasey Livesay, Brayden Piper, Karyssa Siebenaller, Hannah Welly, Kasey Thompson, Marshall Reinhard, Samuel Meade, Dominic Gaietto, Rachel Faber, Adam Daniel, Amy Cook, Devin Arbogast, Ashtyn Wolf, Hailey Welly, Owen Schumm, Colin Reinhart, Travis Milligan, Evan Palmer, Ethan Grieser, Lennah Fox, Elizabeth Falter, Brendan Durbin, Brook Boes, Peyton Hoover

5th Grade All A: Noah Borer, Gage Burns, Mary Harris, Jaret Nelson, Eric Potridge, Timmy Gons, Mykala Reinhart, Becky Greene, Brock Williams, Hannah Rowell, Jady Miller, Allison Merry, Garrett McCoy, Bailey Livesay, Paige Kleinmark, Renae Kapelka, Jenna Ickes, Max Harris

5th Grade A & B: Hannah Brickner, Kate Cheuva, Bailee Coss, Chelsey Depinet, Ben Hetzel, Jennaleigh McCumber, Jade Patton, Connor Roush, Kirstyn Sadler, John Turco, Charlie Wickham, Aaron Yerkes, Bailey Breidenbach, Reece Frederick, Nathan Glick, Abby Glover, Lauren Harden, Tori Kirkpatrick, Rebekah Lytle, Jenaya Oliver, Ethan Sendelbach, Annie Settles, Jake Simonis, Bryston Smith, Dakota Thomas, Sam Stickley, Denver Staib, Zachary Raudebaugh, Morgyn Pachthofer, Colby Miller, Darek Feindel, Paige Dunn, Joshua Cunningham

6th Grade All A: Devon Hossler, Morgan Hossler, Zach Kreis, Kamren Zirger, Ryan Alvarado, Brendan Herbert, Jessica Kreis, Shyenne Livesay, Garrett White, Bryndon Young, Nathan Boes, Alec Bower, Alex Falter, Bailey Jameson, Becca Steinmetz

6th Grade A & B: Chelsea Arbogast, Alyse Burns, Nicole Colley, Alexandra Endicott, Dominic Hedrick, Jeremy Higgins, Jena Huffman, Natalie Hunt, Jasmin Levengood, Brittain Marker, Hunter Starkey, Conner White, Brock Boucher, Hailey Coppus, Derek Foos, Courtney Hoffman, Alec Hoover, Dustin Hull, Kyle Huth, Anthony Lear, Ben Meade, Maryssa Oliver, Francisca Peace, Lauren Reinhart, Matt Boes, Alex Kiser, Hunter Brady, Jacque Burns, Adam Creeger, Nate Fox, Parker Grine, Lukas Hill, Kyleigh Krupp, Olivia Lear, Kenadee Siebenaller, Libbey Siebenaller, Kenny Smith, Marcus White

From the Tech Desk

Steve Acton, Technology Coordinator

Well, it is the end of the first quarter and a lot has happened since the August newsletter. The year is flying by already and I know from previous experience that from now until Fall 2013 will seem like just a memory.

I would like to first congratulate the student tech helpers. They really worked hard on some projects last school year and throughout the summer. While the rest of the student body was off on Columbus Day, Adam Grine, Tyler McConaha, Eric Cassidy and Jordan Donaldson were called to present their projects at the Regional North West Ohio Educational Technology Conference at Bowling Green State University. Their audience of school administrators, technology staff and teachers all commented on their broad knowledge of emerging technologies and mobile devices. I was proud of how well they prepared and their professional conduct while at the conference.

A lot of their projects and research will lead us into the new building with solid technology in the palm of the student's hands with 24/7 access to their school-work. You hear terms like the cloud or mobile computing all the time and a lot of us just do not realize it is a fact of life for the future. Most of us use it every day with Google, Facebook, YouTube and business class networks without the realization we are using the cloud. Construction, factory, merchandising and even the military use portable mobile technologies that use a keypad or qwerty keyboard. In fact, I just typed this article on an Android tablet through Google apps. For more information on H-L Technology Building for the Future go to the Technology link on schools website. You will also find student research there on mobile devices.

In closing, I again humbly thank you again for all of your support to this great school that I enjoy coming to work at everyday.



In need of an evening of laughter, music and entertainment?
Hopewell-Loudon High School will be presenting the musical



“Where’s Charley?”

Nov. 19, 8:00 pm and Nov. 20, 2:00 pm.

**Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any cast member.
Adult tickets are \$7.00. Student tickets are \$5.00.**

“Where’s Charley?” is a hilarious, family friendly comedy with wonderful music. All ages are guaranteed to enjoy this fun loving musical.

The story takes place in Oxford in the 1890’s. Charley and his friend Jack have made plans for their lady friends, Amy and Kitty to come visit them at college. Since Charley’s wealthy aunt, Donna Lucia D’Alvadorez, is to be arriving from Brazil the boys expect her to be the girls’ chaperone. At the last minute, he receives a letter stating the Donna Lucia will not be coming, as expected. The laughter begins as the boys attempt to find a way out of this predicament by disguising Charley as Donna Lucia. In a mixed up state of affairs, both Jack’s father, Sir Francis Chesney and the girls guardian, Mr. Spettigue court Donna Lucia (who is really Charley) in hopes of marrying her for her money. The entertainment just increases as Charley continually changes from Charley to “Donna Lucia”. But the boys’ problems are just beginning as the real Donna Lucia arrives, scrambling this web of deceit even more!



Where in the world is.... Hardin Northern?

As a parent, you may be asking yourself that question as you look at this year’s athletic schedule, or a similar question when you are planning travel to away contests or other events in which your student is participating.

When you use the school calendar located on the Hopewell-Loudon website, just click on the event you are interested in. The screen that opens up will show the location of the event and “get directions.” Just click on “get directions” and Google maps will open up to the exact location of the event with directions.

If you notice, there is also a phrase “track this group.” By clicking here, you can sign up to be notified via email or text message if an event with that group has been added, deleted, or changed.

Remember, if you are wondering about the date, time, or location of a school event, the Hopewell-Loudon online calendar is the place to go.

National Honor Society



On Tuesday, November 1st, the Hopewell-Loudon National Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony. Seventeen students were inducted into membership in an evening ceremony at the high school auditorium.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in three-fourths of the nation's high schools and, since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership.

Members were selected by a faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The Hopewell-Loudon High School Chapter has been active since 1973, and membership since then totals 674.

Congratulations to the following students on their induction: David Beleny, Robin Bloom, Gabrielle Brandt, Kailey Coleman, Richard Fox, Avery Gatchell, Jenna Gosche, Cassandra Hohman, Justin Leiter, Andrew Lommerse, Jennifer Molotla, Marissa Reinhart, Erin Reinhart-Anez, Tyler Ruble, Logan Sendelbach, Kasey Siegel, and Olivia Wolph.

FFA News

The Seneca County FFA Soils contest was hosted by Hopewell-Loudon FFA this year at Mike Kessler's farm. Nick McCormack dug the holes for the contest and the five county FFA chapters judged them based on their characteristics and limitations for housing and agricultural use. The Ag Science I class participated as did some of the older FFA members. The top four county team members that advanced to the district rural contest were Cameron Hoffbauer, Brendon Palmer, Chet Swartzmiller, and Alex Wood.

The Urban Soils Judging team members were Cody Brady, Nathaniel Dull, Nick McCormack, and Tyler Ruble. Would like to thank Mike Kessler for allowing the contest to be held at his farm.

The annual FFA Fruit Sale is under way and will be ending in December. Navel, Tangelo, Red and Yellow Delicious apples, grapefruit, and assorted fruit boxes are all available. If interested please contact an FFA member or call the school and leave a message so that an FFA member will return the call. FFA department phone number is (419) 937-2216 ext. 333.

Tom Ballash, recently received his American FFA Degree at the 84th National FFA Convention. Tom is the 14th student from H-L to receive this award which is the highest degree in the FFA. Only 3,200 students in the US received this degree out of the 524,000 total FFA members. In order to have been eligible for this degree, he had to be active in the FFA and earn or invest over \$7,500 in his Agricultural SAE projects. Congratulations Tom!

Submitted by Ashley Hoover, FFA Reporter

Read All About It!

We continue to be thrilled with the hard work our students put into their studies. The library is in constant use by students working on school projects, studying for ACT/SAT and OGT exams, post-secondary online work, completing homework and reading for pleasure. The Hopewell-Loudon Library saw an amazing, 2550 books leave the shelves in a 30-day period this October!

Fourth graders heard the story "The Night the Martians Landed" by Kathleen Krull. This is a story about what really happened when the Americans heard Orson Welles' 1938 radio broadcast, "The War of the Worlds." Students also had the opportunity to listen to part of this radio broadcast. If you would like to listen, you can visit the LIBRARY page on the Hopewell-Loudon website (www.hlschool.org) and link to the 1938 broadcast!

Sixth graders have been tested on their knowledge targeting a variety of information literacy skills based on state standards. Now that we know the strengths and weaknesses of our students we will be able to target our lessons on areas that will best help them. This 6th grade assessment will also help us determine the areas we need to focus on for grades 3-5.

PTO bookfair was held October 26-28 in the elementary library. Students (and teachers) enjoyed sorting through the many new titles! Check out the site www.learningexpresslibrary.com! This site is a resource with practice tests, skill-building courses, ebooks and more. Everything from college prep, GED preparation and grad school entrance exams to popular software tutorials are available...PLUS IT IS FREE!!!!

Thank you to all who have made donations to our library through the years. Most recent donations include: Michael Mesnard and Aaron Lucius.....collection of many books, Isaha Schmidutz.....The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan

Have a wonderful autumn season,
Mrs. Bodart and Mrs. Johnson



ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

“Your chances of success in any undertaking can always be measured by your belief in yourself.” ~ Robert Collier

Chieftain Discount Cards~ See any athlete, grades 7-12 to purchase credit card sized discount cards that list discounts for 21 local businesses. Athletic Booster officers will also have the cards available to purchase at home varsity football games. This is a great way to support businesses and athletes while saving money throughout the year.

H-L Lawn Signs~ Boosters are currently selling HL metal lawn signs at Varsity Football Games for \$15 each for small signs and \$20 each for large signs. Check them out on the HL Athletic Booster link.

Holiday Reverse Raffle~ This event will take place at the Meadowbrook Park Ballroom on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2011. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Grand prize is \$2500. Admission is \$12.00 per person, with a \$2.00 discount on admission for each Mini-Reverse Raffle ticket purchased. Mini-Reverse Raffle tickets are \$25.00 each. If you have not been contacted and wish to purchase tickets, please call Ron White at 419-937-1122. You must be 21 years old to attend and you need not be present to win. We are in need of volunteers for this event. Please contact Craig Lang at 419-937-2689 if you would like to volunteer.

Athletic Boosters recent purchases:	Cheerleading warm-ups and gym bags	Varsity baseball batting cage upgrade
JV/Varsity girls' basketball uniforms	Football headphone system	H-L football posters
Weight room equipment	Materials for H-L metal yard signs	

Mark your calendar ~ Athletic Booster Meetings and Events: Nov 21 Set- up for Holiday Raffle at Meadowbrook (no Athletic Booster meeting)
Nov 23 Holiday Reverse Raffle
Dec 21 Athletic Booster Meeting

Athletic Booster Meetings~ The Boosters meet the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the H-L School Distance Learning Lab
Pres.: Ron White, 419-937-1122; Vice-Pres.: Dawn Bour, 419-448-8970; Sec.: Shelly Steinmetz, 419-937-0851; Treas.: Craig Lang 419-937-2689

Good Luck to each of our winter sport student-athletes!

Notes From the Music Department

Annual Fruit & Poinsettia Sale The annual Fruit and Poinsettia sale is scheduled to run from Monday, November 14 until Monday, November 28. Please see any band or choir student in grades 5-12 to place your order.



Recycling The music boosters are collecting items to be recycled. Items do not need to be in working condition. If you have any of the following items and would like to have them recycled, please drop them off at school for Jess Nelson:

Cell phones	inkjet cartridges	laptop computers	digital SLR cameras	4G USB air card	radar detectors
SLR lenses	digital cameras	digital video cameras	game consoles	gold & silver jewelry	TI graphing calculator
Video games	iPads & tablets	iPods & MP3 players	E-book readers	Portable GPS devices	handheld game systems
Range finders	sky caddies	mobile hotspots	MiFi devices		

Music Booster Meetings The Music Boosters hold meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month, pending conflicts. These meetings are held in the Choir Room at 7:00 pm. If you are a parent of a 5th-12th grade student, you are invited to attend these meetings. Your support and ideas are greatly needed.

Upcoming Music Events

Fruit & Poinsettia Sale begins – Monday, 11/14, ends Monday, 11/28
Where's Charley? – Saturday, 11/19 @ 8:00 pm. H-L Auditorium
Where's Charley? – Sunday, 11/20 @ 2:00 pm. H-L Auditorium
Junior High Winter Concert – Thursday 12/1 @ 7:00 pm. H-L Auditorium
High School Winter Concert – Monday, 12/12 @ 7:00 pm. H-L Auditorium
5th & 6th Grade Winter Concert – Monday, 12/19 @ 7:00 pm. H-L Auditorium